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Major ready to implement Nolan

Apology gets Sir Jerry off the hook

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

MPs WERE warned by the Speaker yesterday to clean up their reputation amid signs that John Major was bowing to Labour demands to implement the Nolan committee recommendations in full.

The dressing down from Betty Boothroyd was delivered after Sir Jerry Wiggin escaped an investigation and almost certain heavy punishment by the Privileges Committee after giving a full apology to the House for his behaviour. He had used another Tory MP's name to table an amendment to a Bill in which he had a financial interest.

Miss Boothroyd, who angered some Labour MPs by her decision not to refer Sir Jerry's case to the committee, said she trusted that this would be "the last disasteful occasion" in which she would be obliged to inquire into the conduct of an MP.

In remarks that clearly betrayed her exasperation, she said that "whatever the structures and procedures we have in this House, we cannot legislate for integrity." She added: "Individual members should act in such a manner whereby their integrity is not called into question."

In a letter to Peter Hain, Labour MP for Neath, who had referred Sir Jerry's conduct to her, Miss Boothroyd said that she felt his apology had disposed of the matter "and no interests of the House would be served by a reference to the Privileges Committee".

Her remarks suggested that Miss Boothroyd believes that the Commons disciplinary system, as administered through the Privileges Committee and the members' interests' committee, is inadequate because of its cumbersome nature. Many MPs interpreted them as support for the Nolan proposals for an independent watchdog to investigate MPs' conduct, a ban on lobbying by MPs, and the disclosure of outside earnings for parliamentary work.



Boothroyd: "the last distasteful occasion"

Soon after Miss Boothroyd spoke, there were indications that Mr Major had decided to face down the anger of many of his backbenchers and press on with putting the Nolan report into effect.

At the end of last Thursday's Commons debate on Nolan there were suspicions that the Government was trying to kick the report into touch when it proposed the setting up of a Commons committee to consider its implications. At that time Tony Newton, the Commons leader, declined to give a guarantee that all the proposals would be implemented.

In a letter to Tony Blair last night, Mr Major said he had made clear his view about the needs for the highest standards in public life. "I set up the Nolan committee for this reason. I care about the reputation of Parliament and I want to restore public confidence. That is why I set up a committee with wide representation and why I have welcomed their report." Then, in a key phrase, he told Mr Blair, the Leader of the Opposition, that the new committee's "objective will be to consider on behalf of the House the Nolan recommendations and how they might be implemented".

Labour leadership sources described the letter last night as an important step forward. Similar hints of progress were reported to have emerged from a brief meeting between Mr Newton and Ann Taylor, the shadow Commons leader. Mr Newton raised the issue of guidelines to be followed by the committee. But Labour remains to be satisfied about the timescale for implementation and the membership of the new Commons committee.

In a personal statement to the Commons, Sir Jerry acknowledged that his action in using Sebastian Coe's name on an amendment to the Gas Bill concerning supply of gas to caravan parks "was at odds with the proper expectations of the House". He insisted to some Labour jeers that there had been no intent to deceive and added: "I wish to apologise to the House without reservations for any harm this may have done to its reputation." He said he thought Mr Coe would have been supportive of the amendments. "As soon as he informed me that he was not willing to move them, I apologised to him and withdrew the amendments."

Mr Hain said: "The public will not understand that, having fudged immediate implementation of Nolan, the House has now dodged taking disciplinary action [in the Wiggin case]."

Mr Coe said last night: "I have heard Sir Jerry Wiggin's apology to the House. He has also apologised to me. I regard the matter as closed."

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CHRIS HARRIS



Patricia Whitehead leaving the High Court in London yesterday after her two-month sentence for perverting the course of justice was quashed on appeal

Court frees wife who lied after car crash

BY EMMA WILKINS AND ANDREW PIERCE

A MOTHER of three who was jailed for two months for lying to police about a car accident to protect her husband had an emotional reunion with her children last night after her sentence was quashed by the Court of Appeal.

Patricia Whitehead, 32, a cub scout leader, wept in the dock when Lord Justice Swinton Thomas said that her place was at home with her children. But her husband David, 47, jailed for four months on the same charge, was refused leave to appeal by another judge, Mr Justice Otton, after a 45-minute private hearing. His solicitor is now considering an application to the Court of Appeal.

Mrs Whitehead, from Brockenhurst, Hampshire, had been sentenced on Friday at Winchester Crown Court after admitting to perverting the course of justice. She had told police that she, and not her husband David, had been behind the wheel when the accident happened last August.

Penal reform groups, dismayed by the sentence, mounted a huge campaign to free her from Holloway prison.

Lord Justice Swinton Thomas, reducing the sentence to 50 hours community service, said that they had taken into account the "distress and anxiety" she had suffered in prison.

The court was told that she had agreed to the deception only because her husband had feared he would be banned from driving, and lose his livelihood, because he already had previous motoring convictions.

Mr Whitehead, a Sunday school teacher, was last night continuing his sentence at Winchester prison.

Lord Justie Swinton Thomas, announcing the court's ruling, said: "Courts have always taken a very serious view of offences of perverting or attempting to pervert the course of justice for the simple reason that they undermine the rule of law and the whole basis of the administration of the law.

"We regard this case as being finely balanced as to whether a custodial sentence is or is not required." But he said the matter "which tipped the balance in favour of a non-custodial sentence" was the position of the three young children Ian, nine, Christian, seven, and Alexander, five.

They have been cared for by their grandparents at their home at Shanklin, Isle of Wight, since the weekend. The children were told their parents were on holiday.

After the hearing Mrs Whitehead said: "I just want to go home and give my children a hug. The children do not know anything about it. I want to go home and tell them. I am very relieved."

The court was told she had been persuaded to lie by her husband in an effort to save the family from potential financial ruin.

The couple were experiencing acute money problems and Mr Whitehead had taken a £12,000 a year job as a computer consultant at St Thomas' Hospital, London. He already had previous motoring convictions and erroneously feared he would lose his licence under the totting-up procedure.

Ben Compton, for Mrs Whitehead, said that Mr Whitehead was driving his parents, sister, and two

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Blair sets a low-tax target

Tony Blair has indicated that he would not allow tax rates under a Labour government to rise higher than the international average.

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Israel abandons seizure of land

Arab states have suspended a planned emergency summit on Israeli annexation of land in East Jerusalem after Israel froze the plan. The reversal prompted fury among the Israeli Right.....Page 11

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Mallory grandson fulfils family's Everest dream

BY RONALD FAUX

GEORGE MALLORY has reached the summit of Everest, 71 years after his grandfather, George Leigh Mallory, disappeared on the mountain leaving unanswered the question: were Mallory and his climbing partner Andrew Irvine the first men to conquer the highest point on earth?

Mallory, 35, from Melbourne, Australia, carried the family name most famously associated with Everest to the 29,028ft summit on May 14 following the same route on the Tibetan side of the mountain attempted three times by his grandfather. He was one of 13 successful climbers on an American expedition commemorating the attempt of the first British expeditions in 1924. That culminated in the loss of Mallory and Irvine who were last glimpsed through a clearing in the mist — two small, dark dots at an outcrop on the north ridge known as the second step.

That point is at about 26,000ft and there has been argument ever since whether Mallory and Irvine, crudely equipped and climbing into the unknown, could have overcome the remaining obstacles and reached the summit. Mallory's grandson, an experienced mountaineer, has no doubts. The second step, he said, was easy, even in the dark. "I am convinced Mallory and Irvine could have climbed it in 1924."

George Mallory's success and safe retreat from Everest was triumphant news for John Mallory, 73, who was two years old when his father disappeared on the mountain. John was at base camp on the Rongbuk glacier where earlier this month a memorial plaque in Welsh slate was dedicated to the early explorers.

He said: "We set up the plaque near where the 1924 cairn was situated so that as one looks at it, one has the magnificent view of Mount Everest behind. We had a small ceremony which was deeply moving."

Paul Pfau, the American leader of the commemorative climb, said that the expedition had been organised for no better reason than the one George Mallory had famously given, "because it is there".

Steve Bell, an Everest climber, said that however popular Everest might be as a goal, success would always be on the shoulders of such men as George Mallory, Andrew Irvine, and the early pioneers.



George Mallory and his pioneering grandfather

Inquiry into pupils' use of calculators

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

AN INQUIRY into the use of calculators in schools was ordered yesterday by government education advisers. The move follows concern that primary pupils, in particular, are becoming over-reliant on calculators and neglecting basic arithmetic.

The School Curriculum and Assessment Authority said it would investigate the mathematical performance of children in countries such as Germany, Japan and Hungary where calculators are banned until secondary school. In contrast, the national curriculum requires primary pupils in England and Wales to use calculators for some mathematics lessons.

Pressure has been mounting for the authority to consider the impact of calculators on numeracy. Last summer the Office for Standards in Education reported that calculators were used far more frequently in state schools in England and Scotland than they were in other countries. In Korea, which scores highly in comparisons of performance in mathematics, calculators are not used in primary or secondary schools.

Nicholas Tate, chief executive of the assessment authority, said: "We are investigating ways in which calculators can best be used to aid the development of numeracy. But we are also looking to see when it would be appropriate to restrict their use. There are other countries, for instance Japan, where calculators are not used at the primary stage."

The Government has promised not to change the new curriculum, which comes into force in September, for at least five years. But authority officials said yesterday that it was prepared to issue additional guidance advising schools to restrict the use of calculators heavily if the inquiry findings demanded tough action.

The authority also announced it was commissioning research into the poor literacy skills of boys. The performance gap between the sexes in English has become glaring since the advent of national curriculum testing at the ages of seven and 14.

Officials said they wanted to investigate further after evidence emerged suggesting that the rapid annual increase in the GCSE pass rate over the past six years was almost solely the consequence of improved academic performance by girls.



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Sir Jerry gets away with a wigging from the beak


Skinner: disgusted

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

DENNIS SKINNER summed it up. "Is that it?" he called, after Sir Jerry Wiggin had sat down. "So 'as 'e got away with it then?"

'E 'ad.

It must have been hard for Sir Jerry to do what Stephen Fry took weeks to do and Lord Lucan never did.

Three hundred years ago Sir John Trevor (a Speaker so cross-eyed that fights broke out as two Members caught his eye at once) was found taking bribes, took to his bed, sent in a series of sick notes and never returned. Twenty years ago John Stonehouse (Labour's Postmaster General) failed to fake his own suicide in Miami, flew to Australia and sat tight. Sir Jerry's mistakes have been paltry by comparison, but still the temptation to stay in South Africa must have been strong. It is autumn now on the Witwatersrand. The summer heat is over and the rains have gone. The sky is clear, the sun bright. Sniff the evening breeze and you can smell the charcoal and grilling meat. Listen, and you can hear the opening crack of a can of cold Castle beer.

Yesterday in the Commons, Sir Jerry sniffed, but the only grilling was his own. He listened, but the only crack was Madam Speaker's whip.

It was like a dressing down in school assembly. So serious a matter was this that the headmistress herself was to talk to the whole school. The boy concerned had been away, returning to find the other boys and girls whispering in the playground, and classmates taking him aside for those oh-so sympathetic private words. "Serious matter, old chap," they say. "Everyone's frightfully steamed up about it. *We're* on your side, of course, but it looks like there'll be hell to pay."

Behind your back you know they call you every name under the sun. No doubt unable to bear one more po-faced colleague stopping him in the corridor to wish him luck, Wiggin came in early and sat at the back. He folded his arms. Wearing a pale shirt, mid-grey suit and quiet silk tie, his iron-grey hair was lightly oiled and impeccably combed. His face was a mask of impassivity. As they said in the trailer for that Hollywood movie *Hairspray*, his life was a mess, but his hair was perfect.

"A personal statement from Sir Jerry Wiggin!" was the phrase Miss Boothroyd chose, but her look said: "So what have you got to say for yourself, young Wiggin?"

Sir Jerry spoke. Sorry being the hardest word, he chose instead "My behaviour was at odds with the proper expectations of this House". Love, we suppose, is never having to say that your behaviour has been at odds with proper expectations.

Sir Edward du Cann would have grovelled majestically; David Mellor would have bragged, jested and entertained. But Sir Jerry, being by constitution ill-adapted to the grovel and by intellect incapable of the *tour de force*, plodded his way through a clumsy schoolboy recantation. It achieved its purpose. What spoilt the entertainment yesterday is that Sir Jerry Wiggin is not a wicked man. He is just one of life's tourists. On leaving his hotel Sir Jerry would never take the dressing gown or kettle, but you might find the complimentary teabag and courtesy shower-cap in his luggage. Yesterday's plot was short of a proper villain.

Still, Betty Boothroyd camped it up as best she could, old trouper that she is. Adopting her "Nanny is not cross, she is just very, very disappointed" voice, she said she hoped she would *never* have to speak to the boys and girls like this again. Some hope.

Party tries to bury high-spending reputation with promise of low-inflation policies

Blair hints taxes would not rise under Labour

By Phillip Webster, Political Editor

TONY BLAIR gave his clearest signal last night that he would not allow tax rates under a Labour government to rise higher than the international average.

Outlining the economic framework that would guide Labour in office, Mr Blair said for the first time that the objective of any government was to lower rather than increase the tax burden on ordinary families. In remarks clearly designed to show that Labour had buried its tax-and-spend image for good, he pointed to international constraints that would mean a Labour government could never return to penal rates. Delivering the Mais lecture at the City University, London, he said the growing integration of the world economy meant that it was not possible for Britain to sustain budget deficits or a tax regime wildly out of line with the other major industrial countries. He said one of the aims of the tax structure was to to attract enterprise from overseas, clearly implying limits on higher rates of tax.

Mr Blair's lengthy address was intended to emphasise that Labour would make low inflation the cornerstone of its economic policies. But its overriding theme was to contain expectations by emphasising the long-term nature of Labour's project to put the economy right.

He spoke of the "long and gruelling slog" to control public spending but said the alternative was far worse. In the past, excessive spending in the short term had had to be retrenched with painful long-term consequences.

In what was hailed as the toughest economic statement ever put forward by an Opposition party, Mr Blair presented himself as "an unashamed long-termist" and rejected short-term and crude demand management and *laissez-faire* monetarism.

He declared that controlling inflation was not only an objective in itself. "It is an essential prerequisite of sustainable economic growth on a scale sufficient to attain the social and political aims of the Labour Party, including high durable levels of employment and rising living standards."

Mr Blair said a low-tax economy was possible only in a successful economy. Decisions about appropriate levels of taxation and spending could not be divorced from the performance of the economy.

"Economic success over the medium term will enable a Labour government to reduce the amount of spending that simply mops up the consequences of economic failure — rescue spending — and raise the proportion that is available for renewal spending, especially on investment, education and training."

Mr Blair's aim, according to Labour sources, was to try to move beyond the errors of Right and Left in the past and to establish an economic consensus. He said he "does not care in the least that there will be areas of agreement between Left and Right".

Mr Blair also hinted at measures to clamp down on cosy relationships between company chiefs and non-executive directors who were supposed to check excessive pay awards and mismanagement. He said: "Although it would be wrong to exaggerate the significance of non-executive directors at the moment, many are too close in a personal sense to their chairman or chief executives."

Mr Blair said that deregulation was not enough to cure the ills of the economy. The public sector must accept its responsibility to act in partnership with the private sector to transform the supply side of the economy. Labour would act in partnership with industry to help business and boost employment.

He added that the industrial battles of the past were rightly behind them and must not be allowed to return. "The union excesses of the 1970s were wrong, but it would be just as wrong to replace them with an attitude of worker subservience to an almighty management."

He pledged that Labour would reform the benefits system so that welfare payments were used to support work, not unemployment; reform the labour market, including a tax rebate for employers taking on the long-term unemployed; and a reform of childcare and training opportunities to support single parents to enter the labour market.

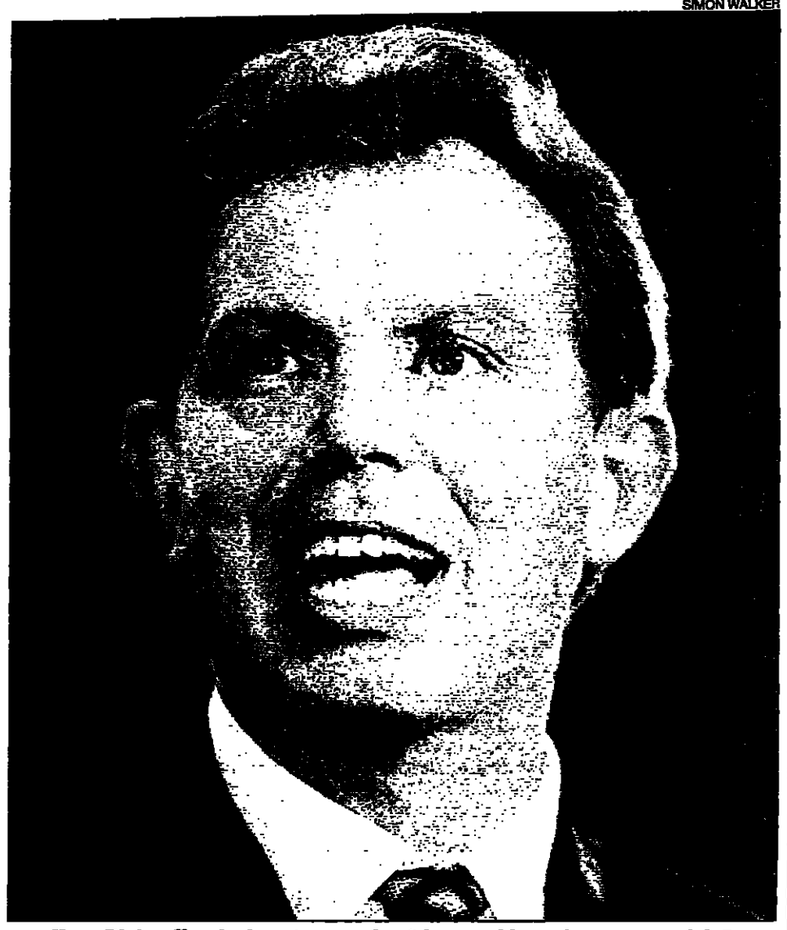
John Major immediately attacked the Opposition leader's pledge on low inflation. "Whatever the Labour Party might say, I think you'd go a very long march to find anyone who believed that Labour could sustain the counter-inflation policy that we have sustained consistently for the last five years.

"I welcome the fact that the Labour Party has acknowledged that, as far as the battle of ideas is concerned, in industrial, commercial and economic policy, we have been right for so long and they have been wrong.

"But if they were wrong in the past, why should anyone assume that they will be right in carrying it out in the future."

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SIMON WALKER


Tony Blair: offered a long-term project "that would put the economy right"

Big earners favoured by lowest top rate in Europe

By Janet Bush, Economics Correspondent

BRITAIN is a low-tax country for top earners, high-tax for smokers and drinkers of spirits and wine, and middling in terms of sales tax such as VAT.

Successive cuts in top rates of tax under Margaret Thatcher and Chancellors Howe and Lawson mean that, with Luxembourg and Portugal, Britain has the lowest top-rate tax of any country in Europe at 40 per cent.

At the top of the list is Denmark with top-rate tax set above 60 per cent. France's is nearly 60 per cent and Germany's is about 55 per cent.

But while the highly paid are acknowledged to have done well under the Conservative Government, the tax picture looks much less favourable at the level of the ordinary worker — or what the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development terms "the average production worker".

In 1993 British personal tax levels were comparable to Germany and the United States but were, far lower — at 18 per cent of earnings — than high-taxing Scandinavian countries, Belgium, Canada, New Zealand and Australia, to name a few. But the average British employee pays far more than the equivalent in France and Japan, where personal tax accounts for only about 8 per cent of earnings.

Popular discontent greeted the inexorable rise in VAT rates from 8 per cent, when the Tories first came to power, to 17.5 per cent in 1991. The Government committed itself to a switch from taxes on earnings, regarded as a disincentive, to taxes on spending. Britain's VAT rate, however, is near the middle of the scale in Europe. Portugal has a rate of 16 per cent: Germany, Spain and Luxembourg have rates of 15 per cent. High-taxing Denmark again exacts the highest amount with a VAT rate of 25 per cent. Belgium is at 19.5 per cent and France at 18.5 per cent.

Britons pay more than all other Europeans, apart from Danes, for spirits, wine and cigarettes but pay less than everyone in Europe, except for Spain and Luxembourg, for a litre of unleaded petrol.

On national insurance contributions the average worker in Britain pays 7.6 per cent of gross earnings. The figure in Germany and France is more than 18 per cent, but Sweden, Australia, Canada, Denmark and even Mexico pay far less.

Wife who lied over crash freed

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French friends to the ferry at Lymington after a family reunion in August last year.

Mr Whitehead's Nissan car collided with a motorcyclist, Robert Pearce, who suffered shock and bruising and was taken to hospital. Mrs Whitehead was at home at the time with the couple's children.

An off-duty policeman, who heard the crash, went to the scene where he found Mr Whitehead apologising. He said: "I am sorry. I did not see him." The group drove on to the port but the ferry had already left. They returned to Brockenhurst past the scene of the accident. Mr Compton said: "Mr Whitehead saw a police car and he panicked. He immediately drove home. He was in a state of anxiety. He told his wife that he had been in an accident.

"She agreed to say she was the driver. What she did was out of misplaced loyalty to her husband. She had not thought through the enormity of the offence." The rest of the group in the car also agreed to the same story.

The appeal judge pointed out that Mr Whitehead had involved his car passengers — his parents, his sister and their two French guests — in the deception. The offence was not committed on the spur of the moment. The plan was "hatched" in the hour between the accident and the arrival of police at the couple's home. The couple's story was maintained six days later when the husband and wife were interviewed separately by the police. Despite repeated warnings from police officers that there was overwhelming evidence that Mr Whitehead was the driver and that they faced "devastating consequences", the couple refused to budge from their story. They left the police station late at night and had second thoughts and decided to confess.

Lord Justice Swinton Thomas said that it was wrong to describe the incident as a minor offence or a momentary lapse of integrity.

"An attempt to pervert the course of justice was maintained at length and in detail in the intervening six days. We very much doubt whether ordinary members of the public would regard the facts of this incident as a minor lapse of integrity," he said.

Health union rejects pay offer

By Jeremy Laurance, Health Correspondent

NEARLY a million NHS workers are prepared to take industrial action after the largest health union rejected the Government's pay offer yesterday.

Members of Unison, representing 440,000 nurses, ambulance crews, clerical staff and ancillary workers, voted by nine to one to oppose the offer of a 1 per cent national rise with up to 2 per cent to be negotiated locally. However, the union is to delay a ballot on industrial action until July to allow action to be co-ordinated with other health unions.

Bob Abberley, Unison's head of health, said the result, on a 40 per cent turnout, had given the union the mandate it needed. "The message could not be clearer: local pay is unacceptable in the NHS." The Government now faces opposition to its local pay plans from all the main NHS unions representing 900,000 staff. It is involved in a dispute with the British Medical Association over plans for new payments for night visits.

The BMA is balloting GPs on the latest offer of a flat payment for night work of £2,000 plus £20 a visit. Early indications are that it will be rejected which would cause a second ballot on sanctions.

Health Department officials will today meet leaders of the 35,000-member Royal College of Midwives which has suspended its ballot on industrial action pending the outcome of the talks. The college said it was seeking an immediate stop to NHS trusts' downgrading of midwives, some of whom had been forced to accept pay cuts of £2,500.

The Health Visitors Association decided to ballot its 16,000 members at the weekend on action aimed at disrupting administration. The Royal College of Nursing is to ballot its 300,000 members on a decision last week by its congress to drop its no industrial action rule. A further ballot would be required before nurses took action, which would be limited to administrative disruption to avoid harming patients.

Philip Hunt, director of the National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts, said industrial action would damage services.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nolan's inquiry to cost £1.5m

Lord Nolan's committee on standards in public life spent £317,200 producing its first report. It is estimated that the committee, which has been established for three years, will cost upwards of £1.5 million over this period. The figures came yesterday in a written answer from the Prime Minister.

Lord Nolan and the two MPs on the committe, Tom King and Peter Shore, receive no payment but the other seven members were paid a salary of £1,000 a month from November to April and now receive an attendance allowance of £155 plus expenses a day.

Technology fund

The Government is to spend an extra £40 million over the next three years to help to encourage the development of partnerships between industry and new technologies. The money for the Foresight Challenge, announced yesterday by David Hunt, the Public Service and Science Minister, will be matched by a similar sum from industry.

Money search

A national police task force is needed to uncover money launderers filtering more than £2.5 billion through Britain each year, according to the head of the National Criminal Intelligence Service. Some crime was beyond the ability of local forces, Albert Pacey said. He estimated that £500 billion was being laundered worldwide.

Tolls may rise

The tolls for some heavily-used tunnels and bridges in England and Wales could soar after a government announcement that it is considering the deregulation of 16 private and local authority controlled river crossings. John Watts, the Roads Minister, launched a consultation paper on the proposals aimed at cutting red tape.

Direct advice

The Bar is offering to relax its ban on people briefing barristers without first seeing a solicitor so that advice and law centres can send clients direct. Peter Goldsmith, QC, said that after the Lord Chancellor's Green Paper on legal aid, advice and law centres should be allowed to brief barristers directly.

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Act anniversary

Alf Morris, the Labour MP for Wythenshawe and the man behind the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970, speaking at the launch of a book marking 25 years of the Act today, will say that while much has been achieved, including access to buildings, some needs are still not being met.

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Arms exports

A fifth of Government arms exports is paid for by the taxpayer through grants, subsidies, overseas tours and by underwriting foreign customers who fail to pay their bills, acording to a report by the World Development Movement, which last year successfully challenged the use of aid money to fund the Pergau dam.

CORRECTION

☐ Renault car sales in Britain (report, May 10) have grown by 12.5 per cent this year.

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Starving woman in cave may be British

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

SIX weeks after an English-speaking woman was found starving in a cave on the coast of Cyprus, her identity remains a mystery to the island's authorities, who suspect she is on the run from police in another country.

Last night, police said that any connection between "the cave woman" and the discovery at the weekend of a headless, decomposing corpse in the sea close to the cave was speculation. A post-mortem examination will be carried out on the man's body today.

The blonde, middle-aged woman has refused to reveal her name and has variously described herself as a Polish Jew, an Israeli, a German and a stateless gypsy who has been wandering around Europe since the age of 14. Police believe she may be British.

"All we know is she speaks and writes English perfectly," said Dr Elias Nicolaides, a psychiatrist who has been treating the woman at Limassol Hospital since early April.

He said police wanted to deport her "because she appears to have something to hide and they say she appears to have entered the country illegally". Dr Nicolaides added that the woman "has personality rather than psychological problems".

Peasant farmers stumbled across the woman living in a cave in the remote and rugged Akamas peninsula, north of the coastal resort of Paphos. She had been living on water and oranges for two weeks and was weak, malnourished and deeply traumatised. She had neither passport nor other identification. Police believe the woman, who communicates mainly by written notes and diagrams, arrived on the island by boat as one of her earliest sketches was of a yacht at sea.

Photographs published in Cypriot and European newspapers have resulted in nothing more than frustrating false leads. Several Israelis claimed to have identified her from press photographs as a jilted Israeli wife. Interpol was last night trying to contact a woman in Paris who wrote to Limassol Hospital claiming the woman was a former art college friend known as Sophie. "I'd be surprised if she is French, because her English is so much better," Dr Nicolaides said.

The headless and armless corpse of the white, middle-aged man was found by fishermen off the Akamas coast at the weekend. Marios Matsakis, the state coroner, said the body had been in the sea for about two months. He said that it was not clear if the man's head and arms had been severed deliberately.

"We don't have any evidence yet to connect the body to the woman, but witnessing something horrific could explain the trauma she was found in," said Dr Vassilis Hadjivassilis, another psychiatrist at Limassol Hospital. He added: "We have not spoken to her about the body, but she did insist before that she had not seen anything horrible."



The mystery woman

ADRIAN BROOKS



Chelsea pensioners admire a floral display at the annual show. Some people fear flowers now take second place to garden equipment

Bellamy laments wilting spirit of Chelsea

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

THE Chelsea Flower Show was accused of creeping commercialisation yesterday by the naturalist David Bellamy, who said the event was inferior to other horticultural shows in the country.

On the eve of the opening of the world's biggest floral display, Dr Bellamy said it had lost its status as the best flower show in Britain. The Southport Horticultural Show was now the finest event of its kind in this country, he said.

The horticultural hardware and garden furniture on display outside the Great Marquee came in for particular criticism. "I have been coming for one reason or another since the end of the war," Dr Bellamy said. "I think it has become perhaps over-commercialised in terms of a number of things sold here. They have not got garden gnomes yet, but there do seem to be more and more things like lawnmowers and garden seats. I understand why they do it, because it probably brings in money, but it seems a shame that it has gone away from being a pure celebration of horticulture, of flowers and plants."

Dr Bellamy, a wise greybeard of the botanical world, was at Chelsea to promote a garden designed to publicise the work of the Alzheimer's Disease Society. His views were rejected by another giant of gardening, Clay Jones, 71-year-old former presenter of *Gardeners' Question Time* on BBC Radio 4, who was choosing a new lawnmower.

Mr Jones, at his 33rd Chelsea show, said: "The gardening equipment is absolutely essential. These people have been there as long as I can remember and the furniture people down this end likewise. It's all part and parcel of this wonderful thing we call gardening."

Mr Jones recalled that there used to be a ban on selling at the show but this was lifted several years ago to his satisfaction. In the Great Marquee, flowers and plants cannot be sold until the final minute of the final day when visitors traditionally stampede to denude their favourite stands of prize exhibits.

It is possible to walk for some distance at the show without encountering any display of flowers. The Northern Road of the showground features rows of gleaming tractors opposite lines of expensive conservatories.

Visitors can inspect pots, statues, fountains, tubs, urns, tables, sundials, gazebos, umbrellas, paving slabs, weather vanes, signs, pumps, hammocks, tools, books, labels, poisons, watering cans, candles, fences, barrows and taps. A display of chainsaws and lawnmowers by Stihl Power Tools, a German firm, was defended by Ian Gracewood, the firm's area manager. "You need machines to prepare the ground to put flowers and plants in," he said. "You get the landed gentry with their big estates who won't go to agricultural machinery dealers. Instead, they like to come to Chelsea and walk around with their Royal Horticultural Society handbook looking at what's new."

He draws the line at actually selling equipment during the show, instead telling visitors how to contact their local supplier. "That's the gentlemanly way of going on," he said.

Stephen Bennett, the show's director, agreed that Chelsea was becoming more commercialised but felt it was to everyone's benefit. It cost £2 million to stage and made a profit of £1.5 million, he said. It and the Hampton Court Palace flower show, to be held in July, were the only profitable events on the Royal Horticultural Society calendar and subsidised the many smaller shows.

Shootings blamed on gangs' struggle for power

BY KATE ALDERSON

A WAR between two Liverpool gangs has been blamed for a series of shootings in which one man was killed and several injured. Armed officers have stepped up patrols in the city to deter gangs using weapons and to reassure the public.

There have been ten shooting incidents since February, only two of which police have confirmed as unrelated. The most recent incident was a drive-by shooting in Anfield at lunchtime yesterday.

The gang rivalry became more violent earlier this year and is based on a struggle for territory and the profits of organised crime, including racketeering and drugs. Tension increased when a predominantly black gang encroached on territory in south Liverpool previously controlled by a well-established white gang consisting mainly of two families.

Last week police seized four Uzi sub-machine guns in the city and last night they staged a reconstruction of the fatal shooting on May 1 of David Ungi, 35, in an effort to track down his killer and bring to an end the reprisal attacks. Ungi, an unemployed father of three, was killed as he drove through Toxteth.

Police and community observers say the gang rivalry is not based on race or drugs. A police spokesman said: "There is no single factor behind the violence, there is a whole range of factors which have to be taken into account. Gangs have several interests. It would be foolish and wrong to pinpoint single issues."

There were three further shooting incidents in Merseyside at the weekend, with one man being murdered. Police said two of the shootings, including the murder, were not connected with the Ungi killing.

The dispute may have begun when Ungi was banned from a bar in the hands of the rival gang. Soon after he was killed, six houses in Halewood were sprayed with bullets. A few days later shots were fired in a Toxteth pub and a man was shot in the hand at a gym.

Sikh changed name and won Group 4 interview

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

A SIKH born in India who was refused a job with Group 4 was invited for interview with the security firm after applying under the false name of John Smith, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Group 4, which runs the country's first privatised jail, allegedly operated a "whites only" employment policy once the recession began, the tribunal was told. Harbhajan Birdi, 57, said he exposed the firm's racism when he sent in a bogus application days after his first form had been turned down by the firm's bosses, who had admitted they were impressed with his credentials.

Immediately he presented his "revised application" form under the name "John Smith", Mr Birdi was shortlisted for the £12,000-a-year vacancy at the firm's office at Feltham, west London.

Mr Birdi, a father of three, who has 11 years' experience as a security guard, gave identical details on each application form apart from his name and nationality, the tribunal at Croydon, south London, was told. He is at present unemployed and is claiming he was racially discriminated against.

The tribunal was told that "John Smith" was among four white people invited for an interview. All four black and ethnic applicants were turned down without an interview.

Mr Birdi, of Elstree, Hertfordshire, said he had worked for the firm between 1979 and 1980 at a time when business was booming and management could not afford to reject black or Asian applicants. He was deeply hurt by the offer of an interview under the fictitious name in August 1992.

He told the hearing: "I thought there must be something very fishy when I got the rejection. I immediately thought this must be because of my colour and my race.

"To verify that, I decided to make an application in the name of 'John Smith' instead of my own and with all the other particulars the same except I said 'John Smith' was British. Within a week I got a reply in 'John Smith's' name, offering him an immediate interview. I was very upset. My conclusion was the colour was working. This was a pure matter of race."



Birdi: "impressive CV"

Michael Whitmore, for Mr Birdi, said he had an impressive *curriculum vitae* as a security officer. A letter rejecting his application in his real name said: "Unfortunately we do not have a suitable vacancy for you at this time, but we were impressed with your application and will keep it on file and contact you in the near future should a suitable vacancy arise."

He said this was particularly important because once Mr Birdi instituted proceedings against Group 4, the firm claimed that during his previous period of employment with them his work had been "less than impressive".

Mr Whitmore said Group 4 had been operating a "whites only" employment policy throughout the recession. "It is clear Group 4 has been discriminating against black people and Asians. They say they have large numbers of non-whites working for them but it is clear these people were recruited when it was difficult to get labour."

The hearing continues.

500-mile taxi ride to court

TWO teenagers took a 500-mile taxi ride from Frankfurt to London and then ran off without paying, a court was told yesterday. Kamaldeep Singh Salh and Shiveet Chadha, both 19 and unemployed, still have no means of paying the £1,000 fare.

Salh of Heston, and Chadha of Hounslow, both west London, admitted making off without paying the fare last August and were ordered to do community service. They blame a German-speaking co-defendant who jumped bail.

Mark Stern, for the prosecution, said the driver had seen the three young men, laden with luggage, outside Frankfurt railway station and offered his services. "At first they wanted to go to the Black Forest, a distance of about 300 to 400 kilometres. But then they decided to go to London."

After agreeing a fare of £1,000 to be paid on arrival, the driver took them to Ostend. They caught a ferry to Ramsgate and drove to the Heston services near Heathrow Airport.

There the third man said he would call his brother to bring the money, Mr Stern said. "He insisted on the driver going with him and on their return the boot was open, the luggage removed, the driver pushed aside and the three ran off."

Salh was ordered to do 100 hours' community service and Chadha 120 hours.

Drink-drive steward escapes ban

BY LUCY BERRINGTON

A GOLF club steward who failed a breath-test after driving 300 yards to help the police to investigate a burglary avoided a driving ban for a second time yesterday after winning the sympathy of two High Court judges.

Graham Cox, 50, will not be disqualified even though he was well over the the legal alcohol limit and admitted drink-driving. His midnight dash to a suspected break-in at the clubhouse of Malton and Norton Golf Club, North Yorkshire, amounted to a "special reason" for leniency, the judges ruled.

The prosecution of Cox arose after a trainee policewoman he was helping at the clubhouse suspected him of drink-driving, but failed when the High Court heard he drove only because of the urgent need to help the police. Lord Justice McCowan, sitting with Mr Justice Mitchell, said yesterday that "after some hesitation" he rejected a prosecution appeal against the decision by magistrates to show mercy.

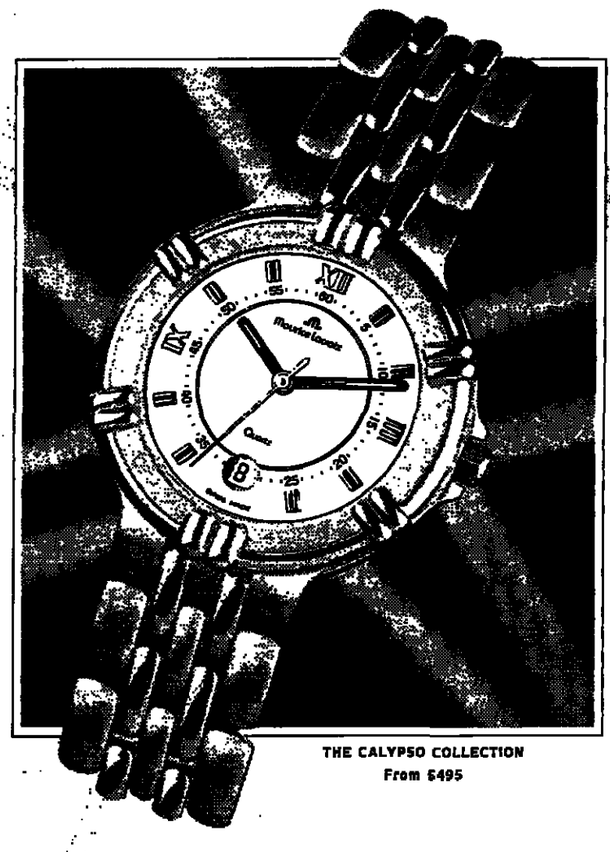
The judges agreed with magistrates in Pickering, North Yorkshire, that the steward was caught up in "a developing situation at the clubhouse which could be getting worse by the minute".

The burglar alarm went off at the club, 300 yards from Mr Cox's home in Norton, last August. Mr Cox, the main keyholder, received a tip-off from the alarm company and drove along a deserted country road just after midnight to the isolated clubhouse, which had been burgled before. Earlier, with no intention of driving that night, he had drunk four to five cans of lager on top of a pint drunk at work. He searched the premises with Rebecca Bettison, 22, a probationary policewoman, but the intruder had escaped. She later requested he take a breath test after noting he was "a little wobbly" and smelt of alcohol.

Mr Cox, who pleaded guilty before the magistrates to driving while over the limit, said he had not considered walking, calling a taxi or asking his wife to drive because he needed to reach the scene as soon as possible. "I only drove 300 yards, half of that along a private road to the clubhouse. I was very surprised when I was arrested after turning out to assist the police."

His prosecution angered many of the club's 700 members, who included police officers enjoying "goodwill concessions". The magistrates fined Cox £270 with £40 legal costs.

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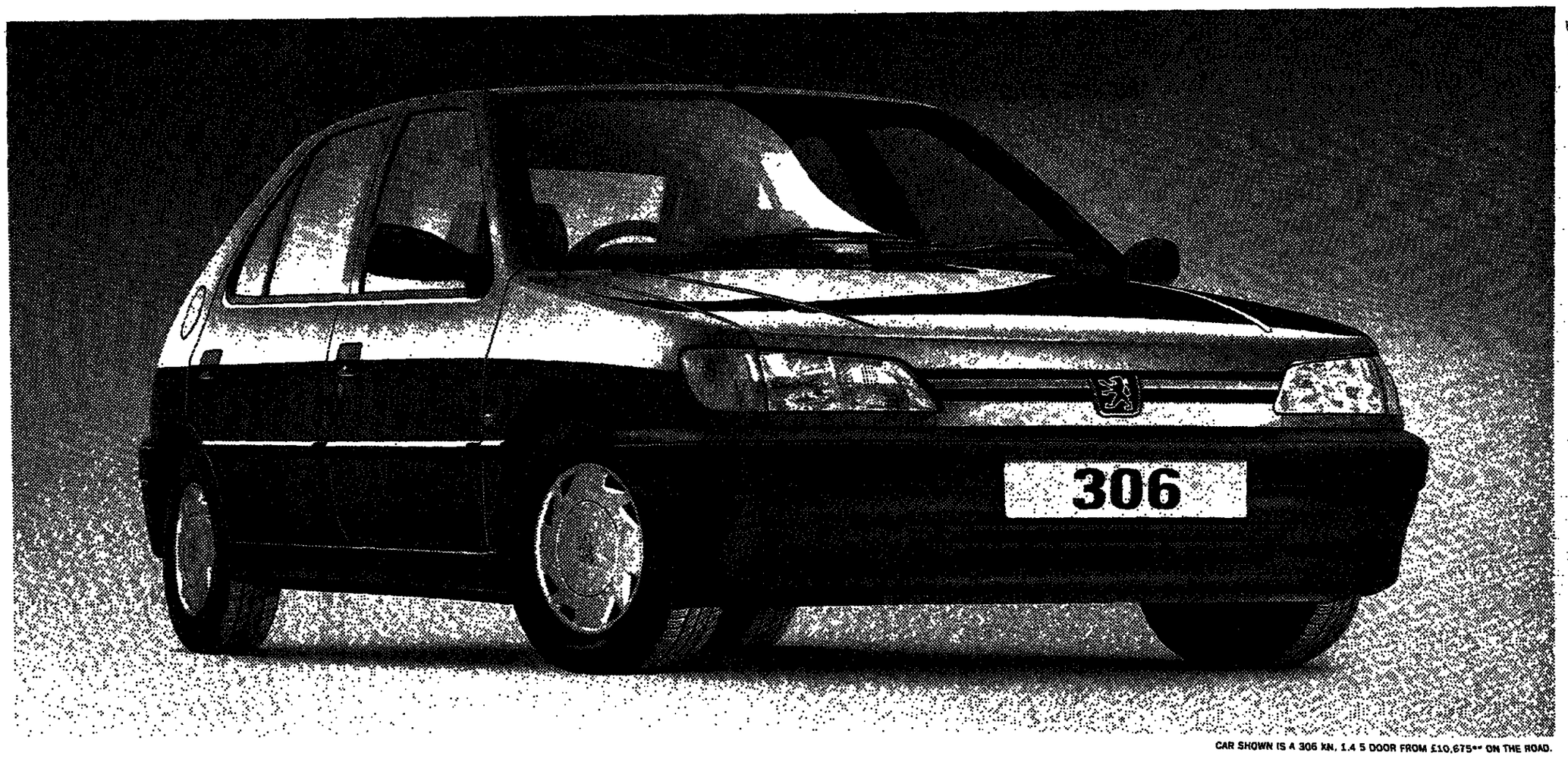


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Lyell studies case of Polish emigré

Britain's first war crimes trial could start next year

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

BRITAIN'S first war crimes trial could be held at the Old Bailey early next year. Scotland Yard detectives are taking final statements from witnesses and victims as Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-General, studies files on a former Polish citizen.

Siemion Serafimowicz, 83, could be the first person to be tried under the War Crimes Act passed in 1991. Accused of being commander of a brutal paramilitary police battalion deployed by the Germans in southern Russia, he is one of seven suspects whose cases have been sent to Sir Nicholas by the team set up to investigate allegations.

Yesterday the Crown Prosecution Service confirmed that files had been sent to Sir Nicholas but said no decision had been taken. Under the 1991 Act, the Attorney-General has to approve charges: he has been studying files since the end of last year. In the Commons Sir Nicholas was asked about the progress of the unit and possible charges.



Serafimowicz: denial

"Any prosecution in relation to war crimes will be taken on proper principles," he said. "But of course it will have regard to the will of the House expressed in the War Crimes Act, which would not cause the mere fact of 50 years' passage to be taken into account in deciding not to prosecute."

He was replying to Toby Jessel, Tory MP for Twickenham, who called for an assurance that the CPS and police would not be inhibited by the passage of time.

All seven cases sent to Sir Nicholas have been examined by senior counsel and the Yard has sent a team to Israel to take fresh statements. Counsel have asked for a number of people to be interviewed again to bring the files to readiness for prosecutors.

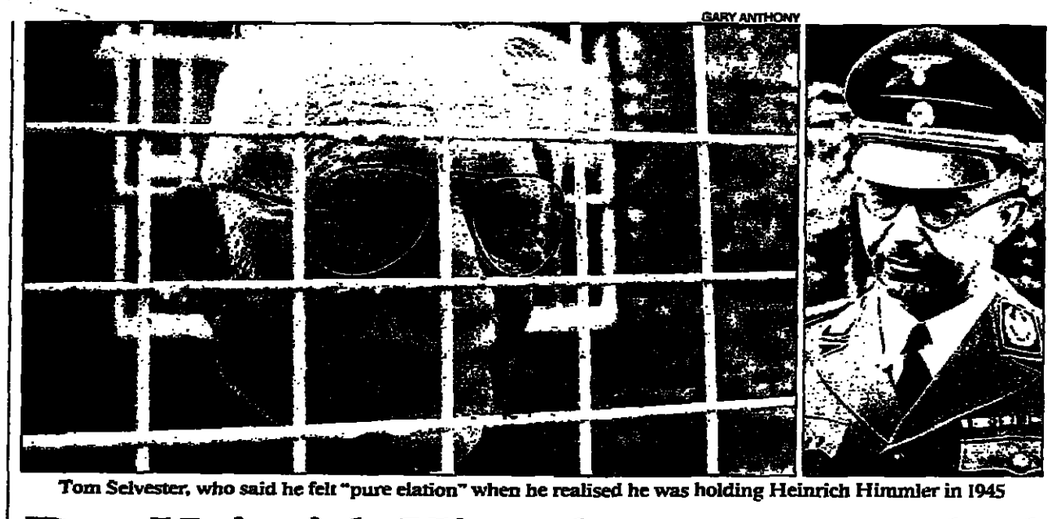
Mr Serafimowicz has been accused of being in charge of 500 paramilitary police in the uniform of the Waffen SS. The battalion is alleged to have carried out mass executions of civilians, mainly Jews, in Belorussia. The alleged killings centred on Mir, about 100 miles from Minsk, and it is claimed the battalion invaded the area in 1941. At that time the area had about 4,000 Jews. Four years later only 30 had survived. According to Genya Robins, a Holocaust survivor living in Britain, Mr Serafimowicz was directly involved in a massacre that led to the death of her family. Mr Serafimowicz's former deputy, Oswald Rufeisen, a half-Jewish officer who lives in Israel, says the officer presided over murder and torture.

Mr Serafimowicz moved to Britain in 1947 and became a carpenter. He has lived in Banstead, Surrey, with his wife Jadwiga for 29 years. Their son Kazimierz said yesterday that his father, who had repeatedly denied the allegations, had been advised not to comment.

During the war crimes investigations police looked at 396 cases and more than 250 people were cleared. The suspects were all British citizens in their seventies and eighties. They were among 200,000 East European refugees who moved to Britain after the war.

The future of the five detectives and lawyers still working in the war crimes unit will depend on whether prosecutions go ahead.

GARY ANTHONY



Tom Selvester, who said he felt "pure elation" when he realised he was holding Heinrich Himmler in 1945

Day Heinrich Himmler was unmasked

By John Young

THE captain in the Pioneer Corps could hardly believe his ears when the prisoner standing before him with a patch over one eye said: "Ich bin Heinrich Himmler." "I thought I had some kind of nutter," Tom Selvester said yesterday. "But as soon as he took off the patch and put on spectacles, I knew I had my man."

Mr Selvester, an 86-year-old retired policeman from Edinburgh, was describing the moment, 50 years ago today, when he realised that he was holding the head of the Gestapo.

He was in command of a civilian interrogation camp near Lüneburg, south of Hamburg. On May 21, 1945, British soldiers had picked up three Germans at a bridge near Bremervörde. One of them wore an eyepatch and claimed to be a postman. He and his companions were questioned over the next 48 hours and, at about 2pm on May 23, Captain Selvester's men reported that the prisoners were causing trouble and demanding to see the officer in charge.

"The first man to enter was small and ill-looking, with a patch over one eye," he said yesterday. "The other two were tall, well-built and soldier-like." He ordered the trio to be separated, at which point the small man said he was Himmler.

"When I realised that here was the most wanted Nazi of them all, a feeling of pure elation spread through me. Here was the big fish in my net."

After his confession, Himmler was stripped and searched and two glass phials were discovered, one of which was empty. The searchers suspected that the capsule it had held was already in Himmler's mouth. After he was transferred to Army HQ at Lüneberg, Captain Jimmy Wells, a medical officer, asked him to open his mouth. But as he tried to remove it, Himmler bit hard and broke the capsule. Seeing what had happened, an Army sergeant exclaimed: "The bastard's beaten us."

Extermination of Jews began as blitzkrieg crushed Europe

*Long before the first gas chamber was built, Hitler was implementing his Final Solution in occupied Poland, Belorussia and Ukraine, **Nicholas Bethell** writes*

Hitler's attempt to destroy the Jews is usually seen in terms of the gas chambers of Auschwitz and Treblinka. It should, however, be remembered that genocide was launched from the first months of the war, not in camps, but in the streets and fields of Poland, and then, after the June 1941 invasion of the Soviet Union, in Belorussia and Ukraine.

It was done not only by the SS and other criminal bodies, but also by units of the German army known as *Einsatzgruppen*, whose job it was to rid the Soviet Union of enemies, especially Jews and communists. It was done not only by Hitler's special units, but also by Stalin's NKVD.

As early as December 1939 the German occupying forces began killing Poland's most famous citizens, including the Speaker of the Sejm (Parliament), leaders of political parties, writers and sportsmen. They are buried in a national shrine at Palmiry, near Warsaw.

A form of genocide — the reduction of the Polish population to the level of serfs — was put into effect immediately. After 1939 Poles were not allowed to walk on the pavement, to wear felt hats, carry briefcases or make long-distance telephone calls. In other words, they could do nothing that raised the nation above its new role as servant of the German occupier.

On the other side of Hitler's and Stalin's partition line, the NKVD arrested and deported some two million Poles, people they regarded as "socially unreliable elements", which included the entire civil service, educated classes and bourgeoisie. They died in large numbers in the Siberian camps. Survivors were released in the second half of 1941.

In April 1940 some 15,000 leading Poles from the armed forces and police were shot by NKVD killing squads near Kalinin, Kharkov, and at Katyn, near Smolensk. This, too, was a form of genocide, in that Stalin's purpose was to behead the Polish nation, to deprive it of its natural leaders, to prevent it rising again.

Meanwhile the Jews of Poland and other occupied countries were being herded into ghettos. In the summer of 1941, as Hitler's armies advanced quickly across Belorussia and Ukraine and into the Baltic States, the *Einsatzgruppen* followed, with orders to "cleanse" the area of Jews and communists. It was done not with gas chambers but with machine guns, rifles and revolvers.

It is sometimes suggested that Nazi Germany's decision to exterminate all the Jews of Europe was taken at the Wannsee conference, near Berlin, in January 1942. In fact, measures akin to outright genocide were under way in the first months of occupation. For instance, the "Babi Yar" massacre of about 35,000 people, mainly Jews, as described by Yevgeny Yevtushenko's famous poem, took place in September 1941.

Jews and communists from towns including Smolensk and Poltava, often denounced to the Germans by local people, were arrested en masse, taken out of town by truck to some convenient gully, mowed down and buried in trenches. It is raids such as these that Siemion Serafimowicz, "the Pole from Surrey", allegedly commanded.

In late 1941 Nazi forces began killing Jews and others in mobile gas chambers, but the change in method came about not because of any variation in German policy. At Wannsee the Final Solution was placed in the hands of the SS, who were to run the extermination camps. Reinhard Heydrich, deputy chief of the Gestapo, explained that there were still, in spite of the *Einsatzgruppen*'s efforts, 11 million Jews in Europe, including five million in Russia, more than two million in Poland and 350,000 in Britain.

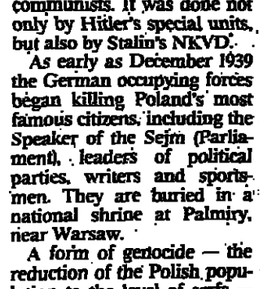
All these would have to be transferred to camps and put to work. Many would die, and the survivors would then have to be killed, especially since they would be the toughest of the enemy. They could not be allowed to become "the germ cell of a new Jewish development".

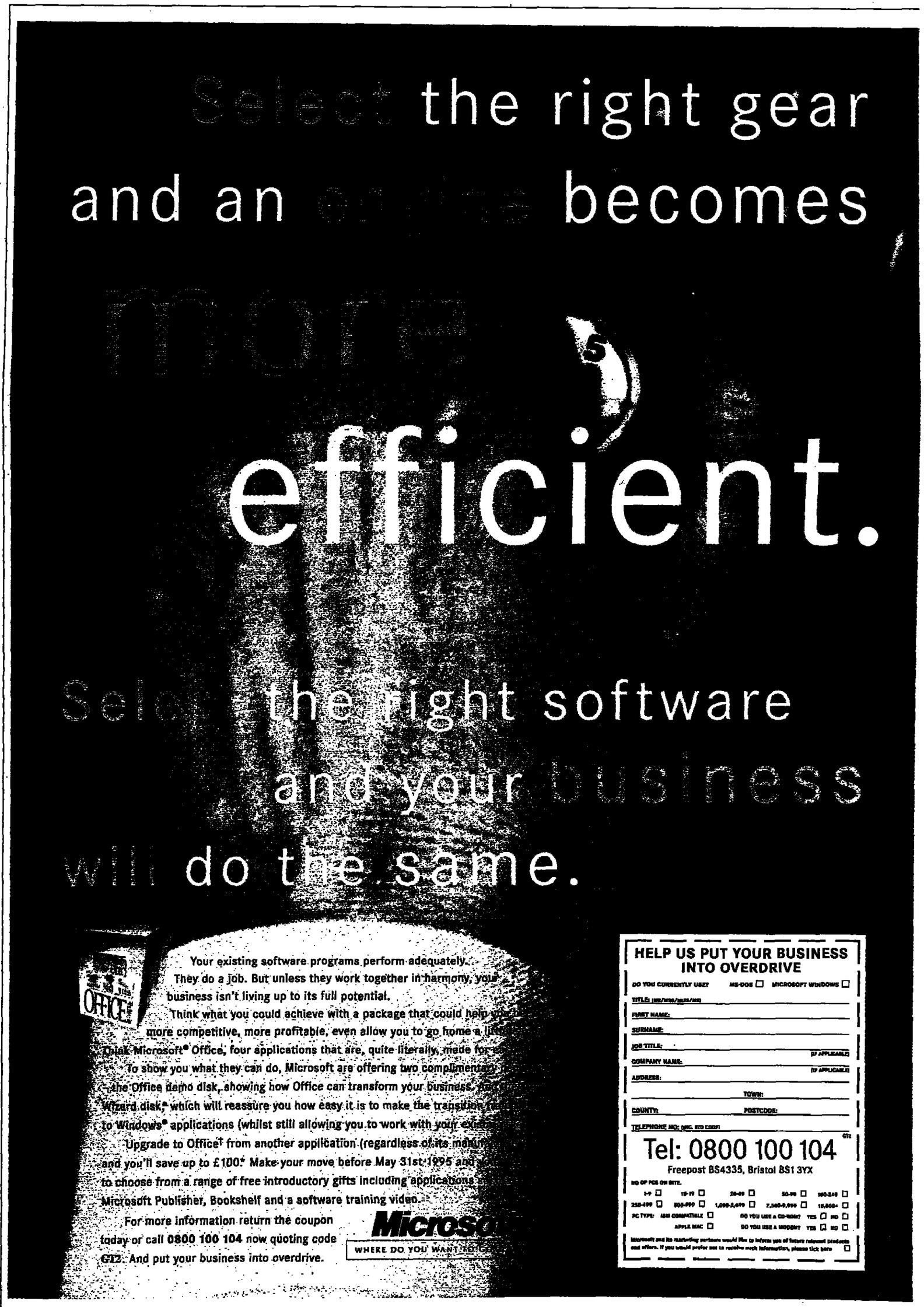
The extermination facilities at Auschwitz and Treblinka were set up because they offered the most effective means of killing in large numbers. The *Einsatzgruppen* had started to complain about their work, not out of squeamishness, but because of the energy it took to herd together and shoot the thousands of victims and dig their graves.

From 1942 onwards Wannsee provided these other means. It also transferred authority for the Final Solution from the Army to the SS, so making the Holocaust physically achievable and preventing its detail from becoming generally known.

By the time this happened, though, a huge number of Jews, Poles, Russians and other had already been done to death by men acting under the German Wehrmacht's direct command.

☐ *Lord Bethell is author of* Spies and Other Secrets.





Greenpeace activists prepared to remain on disused oil installation until October

High seas thwart attempt to board seized platform

By Nick Nuttall, environment correspondent, and Richard Duce

STORMY seas thwarted police and oil company attempts yesterday to board an obsolete North Sea platform occupied by Greenpeace activists. Shell UK, the platform owner, said that it would try again to take control of the hijacked installation 118 miles off the Shetlands.

Shell called up a semi-submersible vessel, *Stadive*, which is as large as a football field, to the base of the Brent Spar platform. Police, sheriff officers and Shell employees were on board, but a 14ft swell and strong winds prevented a boarding. As the *Stadive* tried to manoeuvre into position the Greenpeace activists chained themselves to equipment on the platform. They say they will peacefully resist any effort to remove them.

Greenpeace boarded the 65,000-tonne platform three weeks ago in protest at the company's plans to sink it in the Atlantic. Some 30 of its members are now living on the installation.

Greenpeace says the Brent Spar contains more than 100 tonnes of toxic sludge — including arsenic, cadmium and lead — and more than 30 tonnes of radioactive waste from drilling operations. It says the plan to sink the structure contravenes two conventions outlawing the dumping at sea of man-made objects that could harm marine life.

Shell: platform owner

Chris Rose, on the Greenpeace boat *Moby Dick* monitoring the operation, said: "The *Stadive* is only about 35 metres from the Spar. The weather forecast is to remain this bad until Thursday. We're prepared to remain on the Spar until October."

Last week, a judge ordered one of the protesters occupying the Brent Spar to be ejected, but said he could do nothing about 11 others because he did not know their names. Lord Johnston, sitting at the Court of Session in Edinburgh, ordered Jonathan Castle, 44, the former captain of the sabotaged Greenpeace vessel *Rainbow Warrior*, to reveal the names of his fellow protesters aboard the Brent Spar so that Shell UK could obtain an order against them.

Shell UK said: "Initial boarding of the installation from the *Stadive* was postponed on safety grounds due to strong winds and forecast worsening weather. The situation is being kept under review."

The company says it has cleaned out storage tanks and that any contaminants would be quickly diluted. It said the disposal complies with government regulations. "We have even removed light bulbs because they contain tiny amounts of mercury," a spokesman said.

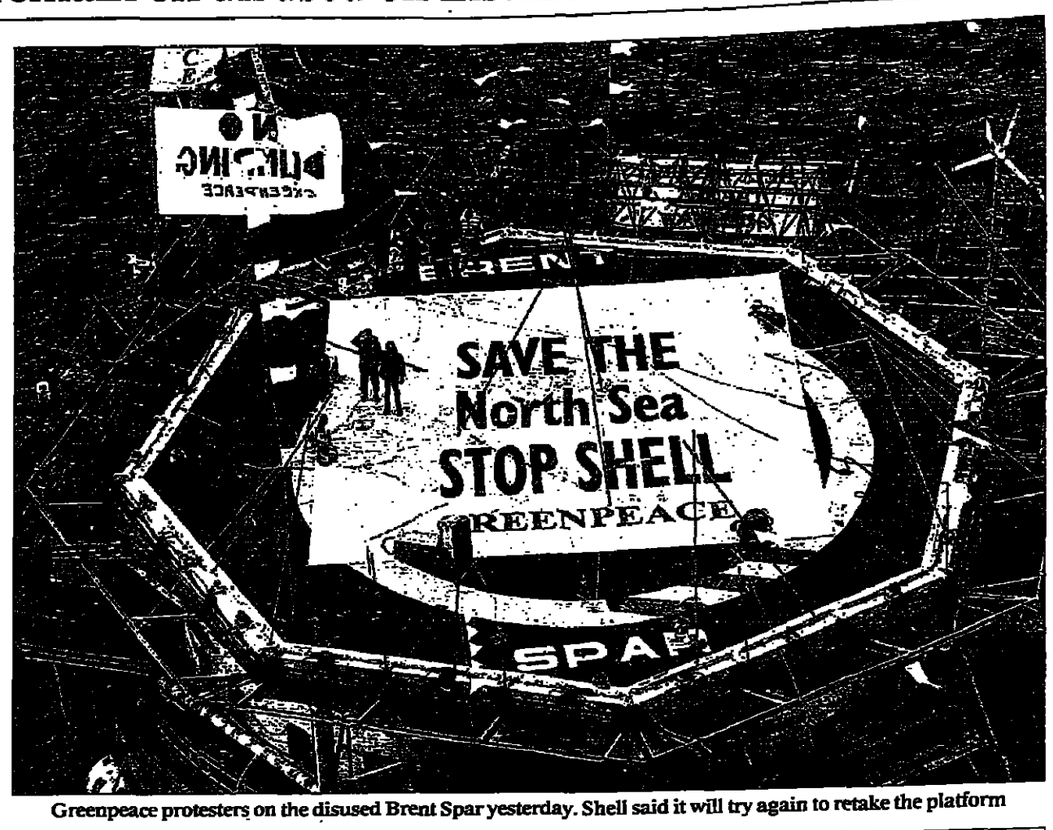
Dr Tony Rice, of the Institute of Oceanographic Sciences, in Surrey, said the danger to the health of the Atlantic and the North Sea was negligible. "Greenpeace is exaggerating the case," he said. "As somebody with sympathy for the group, I find this irritating."

He said that Greenpeace was also being disingenuous about radiation fears. The radiation was naturally occurring and came from oil and sediments pumped on board during the platform's working life, he said.

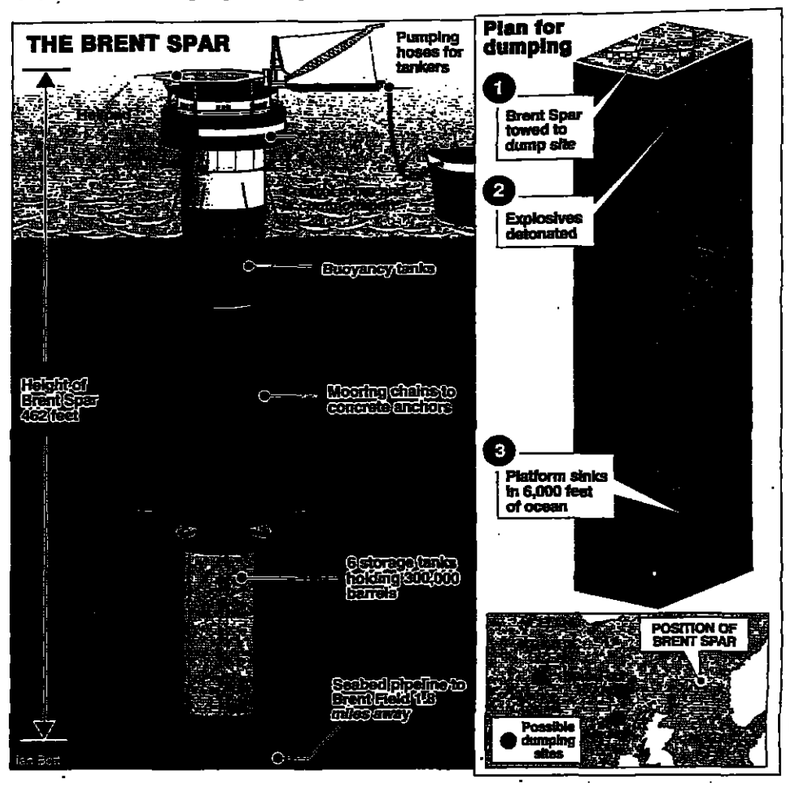
Dr Rice, a deep-sea marine biologist, said it might be possible to dump most of the North Sea's 400 oil and gas platforms at deep sea sites provided they were monitored to be sure they were not damaging deep sea currents or marine life.

Shell said that the costs of dismantling and recycling the platform were £46 million. The costs of deep sea disposal are estimated at £11 million.

Greenpeace is using the incident to raise its negotiating status at the North Sea conference in Denmark next month when eight nations discuss the success of a 10-year operation to cut pollution.



Greenpeace protesters on the disused Brent Spar yesterday. Shell said it will try again to retake the platform



THE Brent Spar platform, which is 462ft tall, was once a linchpin in the development of the North Sea's Brent oilfield (Nick Nuttall writes). The installation, sited 116 miles northeast of Lerwick in the Shetland islands, stored 300,000 barrels of crude pumped in six underwater tanks. The oil was repumped into tankers moored alongside the platform for shipping to refineries worldwide.

The platform, which became operational in 1976, has become a victim of improved technology and the economics of pumping crude directly ashore. It was decommissioned in 1991 and its tanks are now full of air and seawater.

The deep-sea disposal involves towing the 15,500-tonne platform with tugs to one of three 6,000ft-deep sites in the North Atlantic the North Feni Ridge, the Rockall Trough or the Maury Channel. Shell is believed to have chosen the Feni site, which is about 150 miles northwest of Lerwick.

Shell said that explosives would be fitted to the platform and inside the six tanks to blow holes in the side, causing the structure to sink to the bottom.

The platform, which is effectively a giant fisherman's buoy, was built in two sections in The Netherlands and assembled in Norway at a cost of £24 million.

Alpine climbers led assault on rusting North Sea hulk

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The conservationists recruited specialist climbers

FOUR experienced Alpine climbers from Germany, Austria and Switzerland carried out the initial occupation of the Brent Spar (Richard Duce writes). Recruited to secure control of the rusting structure, they were aided by clear skies and calm seas.

They were followed by six men and women who furnished other activists to follow with the 20 tons of supplies and equipment needed to see them through to the autumn.

The £750,000 operation was orchestrated from a small, rented office in Lerwick after Greenpeace received information that Shell was planning to sink the platform in the deep waters of the North Atlantic this month.

A long-range weather forecast predicted that April 30 would present a window before bad weather closed in around the platform. The Danish registerered *Embla*, chartered by the conservationists, left Hamburg at 4am on April 28, laden with supplies and carrying the four volunteer mountaineers, to rendezvouz with the Greenpeace vessel *Moby Dick*. The latter had set sail from Lerwick at 8pm on April 29 with the other members of the so-called action team.

At midday on Sunday, April 30, the rendezvouz was made to the north of the Brent Spar on a calm sea. The mountaineers, taken to the platform by inflatable raft, rapidly scaled the structure and set up a system of winches to take up the supplies. The 30 Greenpeace activists still in occupation now have access to two five-kilowatt generators, a satellite communication system and enough food and water to supply them for five months. Equipment was also taken on board to protect them from oil sludge waste. They live a spartan existence in the former accommodation deck of the 20-year-old installation abandoned by Shell four years ago. There is neither heating nor air conditioning.

On top of the platform's bright yellow crane derrick flutters a flag bearing the message "Save our Seas". Below, the Greenpeace members of the multinational occupation force live surrounded by cardborad boxes full of oranges, cartons of apple juice and sacks of beans.

Fresh supplies are taken in by Anita and Ann-Turi, two expert speedboat pilots from Trondheim in Norway, who double up as crew members on the *Moby Dick*. They skim their inflatables across the water and manoeuvre under the platform's protruding C-deck, where six giant anchor chains fixed to 1,000-tonne concrete blocks hold the platform in place.

The helideck is covered with rubbish to make a helicopter landing impossible. The occupants have a pile of handcuffs to lock themselves to the structure if and when the authorities manage to board.

The maritime squatters are of many European nationalities. Their leader is Jon Castle, 44, who was born in Guernsey and was the former captain of the sabotaged Greenpeace ship *Rainbow Warrior*. He said: "It's nice to hit one of the multinationals which has a big public image and tries to pretend it is being responsible about the environment when all the time it is lying through its teeth."

Farmers divided over livestock campaign

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

A RIFT emerged within the farming community yesterday over the launch of a body seeking public support for the export of livestock, which is under attack from animal rights activists for alleged cruelty.

List — the Livestock Industry Support Trust — a coalition of road hauliers, auctioneers and cattle and sheep farmers and breeders, unveiled plans for a "campaign of public education" to counter what it sees as unfair animal welfare propaganda. Roland Kershaw-Dalby, its chief spokesman and secretary of the National Cattle Breeders Association, said: "The industry is under threat from a combination of genuinely concerned people and those with a long-term agenda to destroy farming in this country.

"Cattle and sheep have been moved round by lorry since motor transport began. We believe that the attempts to physically stop animal exports strike at far more than agriculture. It would be an outrage if those going about their lawful business were prevented from doing so by a mob."

But the National Farmers' Union showed little enthusiasm for the new body yesterday. The union fears the initiative could do more harm at a time when adverse publicity over live exports has begun to wane. Sir David Naish, its president, said: "The last thing I would want to do is to wind up public opinion again on this issue and get embroiled in an unnecessarily confrontational debate."

The union has observer status on the new trust's council but has declined full membership and offered no financial support. By contrast, the Farmers' Union of Wales, whose members are heavily dependent on the livestock trade, has given full backing.

John Phillips, its vice-president, said: "We are fed up with our industry being attacked by a bunch of do-gooders who do not understand about life in the countryside. The disruption of calf exports has reduced the income of dairy farmers by an average of £3,000."

The NFU, meanwhile, yesterday launched its own scheme to win public support with a series of "open days" this summer on some 600 farms across England and Wales. Sir David said: "There is a real lack of public awareness of what goes on in the countryside and what actually happens on a farm. We hope these open days will promote a much greater understanding of how our food is produced."

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Ken Russell shows Lady C uncut

From Dalya Alberge in Cannes

KEN RUSSELL has reworked his adaptation of *Lady Chatterley's Lover* to include erotic scenes that were censored from its BBC screening in 1993.

The film, starring Joely Richardson, daughter of Vanessa Redgrave, and Sean Bean, was originally shown in four parts and drew an audience of 16 million when it was shown on television.

CineFin Corporation, a production and distribution company based in Los Angeles and Paris, is offering the film at the Cannes Film Festival. David Lowe, its president, said: "This is not a sex movie. It is still a quality BBC movie." He added that the cuts transform it from an "English" film into a racy Hollywood one. "The bits Ken Russell wanted in can go in. He was thrilled that the director's cut could be done."

Its explicit sex scenes — even in the final version that was screened by the BBC — were criticised by the Broadcasting Standards Council, which had received many complaints. The BBC argued that the erotic scenes had to be included to do justice to the book.

Lady Chatterley's Lover was originally a three-hour film. Mr Russell has condensed it to a two-hour film, removing some sections and inserting those that were cut.

The grizzled enfant terrible of British cinema has done battle with the censors on at least one other occasion. His 1971 film, *The Devils*, was trimmed under pressure from British censors. His films on



Russell: his version

Mahler, Tchaikovsky, Liszt and other composers were criticised for their psychological sensationalism but drew a wide following.

☐ Russell's *The Devils* will be screened by the BBC over the May Bank Holiday weekend as part of a special on cinema censorship. It will be shown in the cut version screened in cinemas as part of a BBC special called *The Forbidden Weekend*.

The two-part series will also show scenes from *A Clockwork Orange*, which Stanley Kubrick, its director, withdrew from cinemas because it had been said to inspire violence.

Extracts from *Natural Born Killers*, the demonic possession film *The Exorcist*, Marlon Brando's steamy *Last Tango In Paris*, and *Straw Dogs*, condemned at the time for its violence, are also to be shown.

A BBC spokeswoman said: "All films will go out with an on-air warning and they will be shown late at night. People are not going to turn on their TV sets and just stumble across these films."

Diary tells of life under Iron Duke

By Alan Hamilton and John Vincent

THE history of the Peninsular War was recorded by the successful commander, the Duke of Wellington. But until today few have read an account of the campaign as seen by Corporal John Parker, a humble soldier of the 20th Foot.

Parker, who unusually among the common soldiery could read and write, if imperfectly, kept a diary of his 20 years in the colours. Hidden in an attic and virtually unread for 150 years, it is expected to fetch more than £5,000 when it is sold at Bonhams, the London auctioneers, today.

From engaging the enemy at the Battle of Roncenvalies on July 25, 1813, to guarding the defeated Napoleon on St Helena, Parker chronicled life in the ranks. His leather-bound diary contains 60 pages of scrawly copperplate.

Born a labourer's son in the Norfolk village of North Elmham, Parker enlisted in 1808 and ended up as a Chelsea Pensioner in 1828, at the ripe old age of 38 having been discharged because of a chronic liver complaint.

At the Battle of Roncenvalies he records: "Tou our wounded that was left behind the French behaved very well for we had no way of getting them along with us as we had to retreat through the wood that night and to hear the wolves when they got the smell of human blood. We was sorrowed to leave them but there was no help for it as we had to save our lives."

Of the Battle of Pamplona on a foggy July 29, 1813, he writes of burning the dead and carrying the wounded through hills and valleys to a town two miles away. In August of the same year he writes of being with a party that stormed San Sebastian with orders to kill every man, woman and child "at the point of the bayonet". The town was in fact deserted, except for "a few old decrepid men and women who were treated very badly". Brandy supplies were looted and the town set alight.

Writing of his days guarding Napoleon on St Helena in 1819, Parker recalls: "Longwood House is where Bonaparte resides in an old decayed place. I have seen in almost every day. The time I was doing duity over him there was a Palace built but he never went into it. He died before it was properly ready for him."



Wellington: victorious

THE TIMES
An evening with Baroness Thatcher



To mark the publication of her second volume of memoirs, *The Path to Power*, *The Times*, in co-operation with Dillons, invites readers to an evening with Lady Thatcher. Following the success of her first Times/Dillons forum, when she spoke about *The Downing Street Years*, Lady Thatcher will now turn her attention to the years leading up to her premiership. She will discuss her childhood in Grantham, the profound influence of her father, her marriage to Denis, her early career as a politician and her determined rise to power. She will also give characteristically forthright opinions on some of the century's leading political figures. The forum will be chaired by Peter Stothard, Editor of *The Times*, and will offer those attending the opportunity to question Lady Thatcher.

The forum will be held at Westminster Central Hall, Storey's Gate, London SW1 on Tuesday, June 13 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 each (concessions, £7.50) and are available by ringing 0171-915 6613, by faxing the coupon below to 0171-580 7680, or by sending it, with your remittance, to Dillons the Bookstore, 82 Gower Street, London WC1, where tickets can also be purchased.

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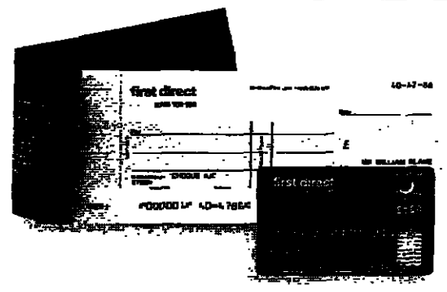
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Worker on £40,000 wins legal aid after taking unpaid leave

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

AN ENGINEER earning £40,000 a year was awarded legal aid within weeks of taking temporary unpaid leave from his job.

The granting of aid to Kassim Mohamed Bacchus in a divorce dispute was criticised yesterday by the High Court judge hearing his case, who ordered that a report be sent to the Lord Chancellor. Mr Justice Wilson said judges should be allowed to withdraw public funds from undeserving litigants, a power they lost 14 years ago.

Mr Bacchus, a Guyanese working for a firm in London, took unpaid leave on March 17 to prepare for the High Court case. He applied for legal aid on March 25.

He said in his application that he was unemployed because of the stress of the pending court action. Mr Justice Wilson said no indication was given that his income "would start to flow again on about May 15" when his leave ended. He has run up a legal bill estimated at £12,846. The family division judge took the *unusual step* of making his comments in public after hearing the case in private last week. He was especially critical of the Legal Aid Board, which had refused to reconsider the man's legal aid certificate after being told he was once more in employment. Mr Bacchus was earning just under £40,000 a year and had a company car.

The judge said that when the legal aid authorities were told, they replied: "At the time the assisted person applied for legal aid, we were aware he was not working. Unless there is any evidence of wrongdoing or any information concerning him taking unpaid leave just to obtain legal aid, we are not prepared to put a stop to his certificate."

Mr Justice Wilson asked: "*Can it be the case, therefore,* that someone who is not entitled to legal aid can become entitled to it by taking unpaid leave from work for eight weeks in order to prepare for the hearing?" That, he said, would be absurd. He considered that Mr Bacchus had misled the authorities into assuming that there was no reasonable expectation of his receiving income during the coming year.

"There now arises the most perplexing question of all: why did the legal aid authorities allow the husband's legal aid to continue, even after, at my instigation, the true facts had been disclosed? ... I find the terms of their response profoundly unsatisfactory."

Before 1981 courts had the power to revoke or discharge civil legal aid certificates and there could now be an argument for rearming courts with this power, he said. "There is something distasteful about the prospect of a judge depriving a litigant of his advocate. But if the legal aid authorities are not able to respond properly and promptly to a court's reference of apparent misuse of funds entrusted to them, it would, in my view, be in the public interest for that power to be restored to the court."

Lawyers for the Legal Aid Board said there would be a full investigation.

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James Hamill with bees from his shop in Battersea, south London, where he keeps an observation hive

Beekeeper starts quest to save hives

BY ALAN HAMILTON

JAMES HAMILL, actor-cum-apiculturist, has been awarded a £6,000 grant by the Royal Warrant Holders' Association to travel the world in search of a cure for *the disease that threatens to wipe out* Britain's wild honeybees.

The warrant holders, a group of suppliers who provide the Royal Household with every necessity of life and who are entitled to call themselves "By appointment", make annual awards to help to encourage the survival of traditional skills and trades. Since 1992 British bees have been under attack from the varroa mite, which destroys entire colonies. Imported from Asia, the disease first struck hives in Kent and has now spread to most of the country except for areas of Scotland and Wales.

A *chemical spray treatment is available*, but it costs £10 per hive and causes concern among beekeepers, who appreciate how environmentally sensitive an insect is the bee.

Mr Hamill, 36, a native of California who has lived in England for 15 years, sells the produce of his hundred hives spread across south London and Surrey at his shop in Battersea. He is one of the country's acknowledged experts on beekeeping. *"I would like to find a* natural cure for the varroa mite, perhaps using herbs," he said.

Mr Hamill will travel to *North America, Australia and New Zealand to* study how they control pests. "The disease threatens to destroy all Britain's wild bee colonies, and it is up to beekeepers to rebuild the population." He has a doomsday scenario, that if bees were wiped out, mankind could survive for only 60 more years, such would be the disruption to the food chain.

Scientists on trail of new TB vaccine

An improved vaccine against TB could result from research at the University of Surrey. A team led by Dr Jeremy Dale has developed a way of disabling the bacterium that causes TB, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, by selectively knocking out specific genes.

The idea, reported to the American Society for Microbiology in Washington DC yesterday, is to produce a disabled bacterium that could be used as a vaccine, since it would mimic the bacterium without causing the disease. TB kills an estimated three million people a year and 1.7 billion carry the bacterium.

Family buried

Joy Senior and her children — Kurtis, 7, Cherelle, 5, and Clinton, 3 — whom she stabbed to death at their home at Thetford, Norfolk, two weeks ago, were buried yesterday. Mrs Senior, 28, believed to have a mental disorder, drowned herself in a woodland pond.

Village on move

The first of 450 residents of Arkwright, Derbyshire, where methane gas is seeping into houses, have been transferred to a £24 million purpose-built village half a mile away. Their old houses will be demolished to make way for an open-cast coal mine.

Foul play

Vandals twice used a mechanical digger to cause more than £5,000 of damage to Oxford City Football Club's ground at the weekend. They wrecked fencing, seats, churned up a 10ft area of the pitch, demolished a dug-out and smashed holes in the back of a stand.

Fewer sex calls

The number of premium rate calls fell from six million a week in 1993 to 4.6 million a week last year. The drop was blamed on a sharp fall in telephone sex lines. For every 100 calls to 0898 sex lines in 1993 there were three last year, *the industry regulator said.*

Player fined

The Arsenal footballer *Ray Parlour* was fined £170 by magistrates in Hong Kong yesterday for assaulting a taxi driver after an all-night party. *Parlour, 22, pleaded guilty to* punching Lai Pak-yan on the last stop of Arsenal's tour of the Far East.

Trailer death

A woman was killed when a burger bar on a trailer broke free from a car as it went over a hump-backed bridge and rolled onto the pavement in Witham, Essex. Deborah *White, 30, who suffered multi*ple injuries, had just taken her two daughters to school.

Islanders reverse verdict on quarry

THE people of Harris on the Isle of Lewis have overturned a vote two years ago to support the £70 million coastal *superquarry* planned for Lingerbay.

In an 83 per cent poll, 68 per cent of local people voted against the project. In a 1993 referendum, just before the Western Isles Council approved the development, 62 per cent of votes were in favour.

Redlands Aggregates hopes to extract 600 million tonnes of anorthosite, used for road-*building, from a National* Scenic Area. Conservationists claim the giant hole would be visible from Space.

Norman Macdonald, councillor for the Obbe ward, which covers Lingerbay, said: "I am delighted with the result. People obviously are worried about the effects the quarry would have on other industries, particularly the fishing industry."

Two weeks ago the council said it would reappraise its policy on the project in the light of the new referendum. *Councillors will consider the* result next month.

The public inquiry, which has heard 76 days of evidence, will resume *next Monday in* Leverburgh in Harris to hear closing submissions.

Council shepherd loses sheepdogs

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE two collies of a council shepherd whose job is to keep sheep from straying off the Welsh hillsides into back gardens and town centres have been made redundant.

Kevin Jackson's title was changed to "animal litter warden" and then the weekly £7 payment for his sheepdogs' food was stopped by cost-cutting officials of Torfaen Borough Council in Pontypool, Gwent. Mr Jackson, 31, has to leave Bron and Tweed at home and round up stray sheep on his own.

The cutback came to light when John Cunningham, a council member, spotted Mr Kackson herding sheep single-handed on a road. "It was impossible. I asked him where his dogs were and he explained the council had barred him from using them. *How the devil is a shepherd* supposed to catch sheep without a dog?" Mr Cunningham is due to raise the matter at a council meeting tonight.

Mr Jackson took over the job last year from his father John, who was the council shepherd for 25 years. John said yesterday: "It's crazy — you can't separate a shepherd from his dog."

A spokesman for the council said: *"The animal shep*herd's duties will spread further than just sheep. But we will discuss it further and we may well buy our own sheepdog, which would be cheaper in the long run."

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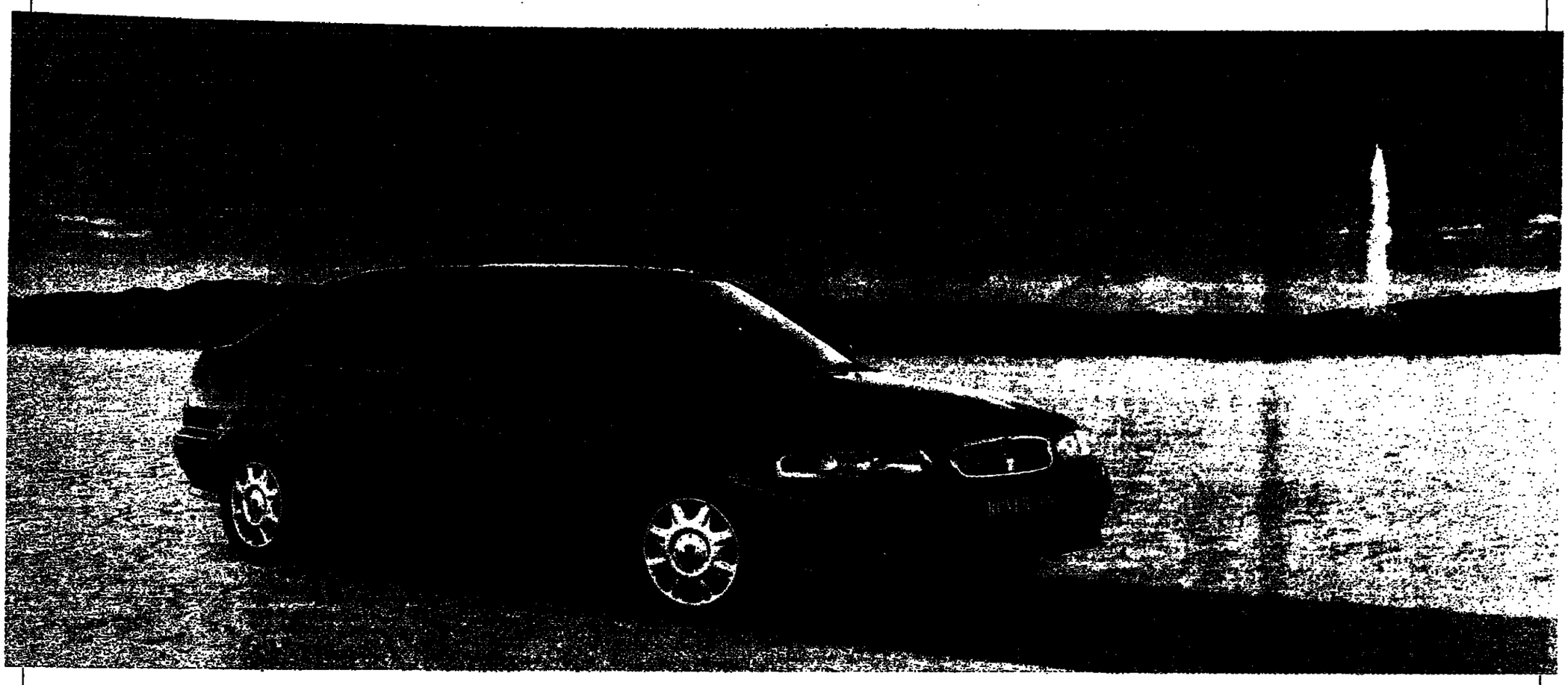
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Vulnerable Tories remain one jump behind Blair's new Labour

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The intellectual victory of capitalism and liberal democracy over the past decade has presented as many problems for the parties of the Right as the Left. That is not what Douglas Hurd meant to say last night in his Conservative Political Centre lecture on the theme "Still No Answers on the Left". But his speech was really as much about the predicament of the Right as of the Left.

Mr Hurd is far too much of a Tory to believe in the end of history. Yet the rejection of state ownership, of the planned economy and of the primary of collective over individual rights has changed the terms of the political debate. As Mr Hurd pointed in the Butler lecture last Tuesday, it is no good just saying "we've won, since, as happens when you win, people forget that there was ever a battle". Labour itself has adjusted. Recent speeches, culminating in last night's Mais lecture by Tony Blair, underline how far Labour has changed its economic thinking, not only on the priority of containing inflation but also in recognising "a much narrower range of options than before" on taxation and spending. It is hard to imagine any previous Labour leader delivering such a lecture, and saying: "It is not possible for Britain to sustain budget deficits or a tax regime that are wildly out of line with other major industrial countries. One of the requirements of our tax structure is to attract enterprise into the UK from overseas".

Mr Hurd has conceded that Labour's changes have created "big problems" for the Tories. His response has been a nautical metaphor — if Labour tries to board our ship and say the ship is ours, "do we actually take to the boats ourselves and row off into the Great Blue Yonder, hoping that some other ship will come into sight? Or do we repel boarders and say this is our ship; we know how to sail it; we know its destination: and please leave our ship or be thrown into the sea?" Mr Hurd prefers the latter, questioning whether the Left is merely paying lip service to economic efficiency, value for money and a flourishing private sector, and asking whether its sums add up. Mr Hurd argues that only parties of the Centre-Right are prepared to take tough decisions about welfare spending in face of the special pleading of interest groups.

Such hand-to-hand engagements are much harder for a crew which has been in charge for 16 years, especially as voters take earlier victories for granted. Party differences are blurred. In other contexts, Mr Hurd has noted the extent to which earlier Tory Governments took forward social changes introduced by the Liberals or Labour, "civilising them and making them practical". The same could now be happening in reverse: Mr Blair is not seeking to overturn Thatcherism, but to remedy its flaws in public services and training. The Tory Right, taking "the clear blue water" view, argues that not only is the Left's conversion to free markets hollow but that the Tories' agenda is unfinished. The Right stresses how high the burden of taxation and spending still is. Consequently, the need for a further onslaught on the State is the main theme of Alan Duncan and Dominic Hobson's new book, *Saturn's Children*, and, in a more restrained form, runs through John Patten's *Things to Come*. By contrast, Mr Hurd does not believe in cutting income tax for its own sake, but only as circumstances permit.

The real debate now is not about the merits of what happened in the 1980s, but about how to take forward the policy changes of that era. Mr Blair has jumped ahead of the Tories, Mr Hurd has identified the ways in which Labour is vulnerable. But the Tories are also vulnerable. They have to decide whether they want to offer "a civilised" version of Thatcherism, which might be dubbed Majorism, or whether they want to make another big leap. But, then, Mr Hurd has never favoured permanent revolutions.

PETER RIDDELL

Press accused of distortion in quoting from memoirs

Thatcher denies claims of personal attack on Major

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BARONESS THATCHER moved yesterday to kill speculation that she was encouraging a leadership challenge to John Major amid renewed Cabinet feuding over her outspoken criticism of his record and policies.

She issued a statement saying that a key sentence in her forthcoming memoirs, *The Path to Power*, had been "seriously distorted" in press reports. She also issued the text of the relevant paragraphs from her book showing that when she wrote of the need for "others to take the action required" she was referring to changes of policy, not personnel, and was ruling out any hint of a personal political comeback.

Her friends underlined that message last night, saying that she while she wanted the Government to return to the true Tory path, she also wanted Mr Major to remain at the helm, not least because Michael Heseltine was the only realistic alternative. "She cannot tolerate the thought of Heseltine as leader," one insider said.

Her supporters were also scathing about the way senior Tories, led by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, had rushed to denounce her. But in the eyes of government loyalists Lady Thatcher's efforts to steady the Tory ship were not helped by her failure to offer any public



Thatcher: friends say she wants Major at the helm

support to the Prime Minister or to challenge other reports of her disenchantment with him.

She tried to set the record straight as Michael Heseltine and Michael Portillo — the front-runners to succeed Mr Major if a vacancy arose — offered differing verdicts on her 11½ years in power. Mr Portillo, standard-bearer of the Right, praised Lady Thatcher, saying that she had a flair for seeing things at the grassroots and knowing what was on people's minds. He also suggested that the policy differences between her and Mr Major were being exaggerated and urged his party to accept criticism from such a notable figure.

"I just do not believe that Mrs Thatcher is attacking the leadership of John Major. She is concerned with policy, but I don't think the policies are different as people have made out either.

"Mrs Thatcher famously said towards the end of her premiership about Europe 'no, no, no.' Of course the Prime Minister in January was saying his position was no to any change on qualified majority voting, no to giving up the veto, no to the single currency in the near future, and no to extra powers to the European Parliament."

But Mr Heseltine said that people appeared to have forgotten that at the time she left Downing Street in 1990, she was unpopular and heading for electoral defeat. Mr Major's decision to scrap the poll tax had been right, he said. He also suggested that Lady Thatcher was repudiating many of the European policies she had pursued when she was in power.

In the extracts, Lady Thatcher said Mr Major should take a firmer line on Europe — resisting all moves towards a single currency. She described European policy as one of "compromise, sweep it under the carpet, leave it for another day, in the hope that people of Britain will not notice what is happening to them, how the powers have been slipping away".

Asked on BBC radio if Lady Thatcher's calling for a U-turn over European policy was a reversal of her record in office, Mr Heseltine said: "I do think that is broadly all you can say. When we went into the ERM, Mrs Thatcher was Prime Minister, and I think that when history is written, the rate at which we went in — some would say too high — was very much Mrs Thatcher's personal view."

John Carlisle, Tory MP for Luton North, said that Lady Thatcher was speaking for 70 per cent of the party and was "a folk hero" for some Tory MPs. She had given Mr Major an agenda he could enthusiastically embrace.

The statement issued by Lady Thatcher's office said: "The meaning of one particular sentence from *The Path to Power* quoted in newspapers has been seriously distorted because its full context was not given.

"The sentence is: 'It is now, however, for others to take the action required.' We now release the full passage as it appears in the book. This shows that Lady Thatcher is here referring to developments in the West as a whole, not just Britain. It also shows that Lady Thatcher is ruling herself out of the long-term task of taking the action needed to deal with the problems she outlines."

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ANDRE CAMARA

Sir Jerry Wiggin arriving to make his statement to MPs

Wiggin is jeered as he delivers apology to MPs

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

SIR JERRY WIGGIN apologised to fellow Tory MP Sebastian Coe yesterday for using his name to table an amendment to a Bill. He said that his action was "at odds with the proper expectations of the House".

In a statement to the House of Commons, interrupted by Labour jeers, Sir Jerry, MP for Weston-super-Mare, said: "I wish unreservedly to apologise to the honourable member for Falmouth and Camborne and this House for having tabled amendments to a [Gas] Bill in standing committee in his name and without his knowledge or consent."

Sir Jerry said: "I act as parliamentary adviser to the British Holiday and Home Parks Association, a fact which is declared in the Register of Members' Interests and of which my honourable friend is aware.

"I thought he would be supportive of the amendments so I wrote to him and we spoke the following day. As soon as he informed me he was not willing to move them, I apologised to him and withdrew the amendments from the standing committee's order paper." He added: "They never came before the committee."

As Labour backbenchers called for his suspension, Sir Jerry added: "Nevertheless I repeat my apologies to the House and to him for an action which I acknowledge was at odds with the proper expectations of the House."

He insisted he had not meant to deceive MPs. "I accept the amendments would have benefited the association for which I act as parliamentary adviser. My purpose in putting amendments down in the name of a member of the standing committee was, however, to improve their chances of being considered. There was no intention to deceive."

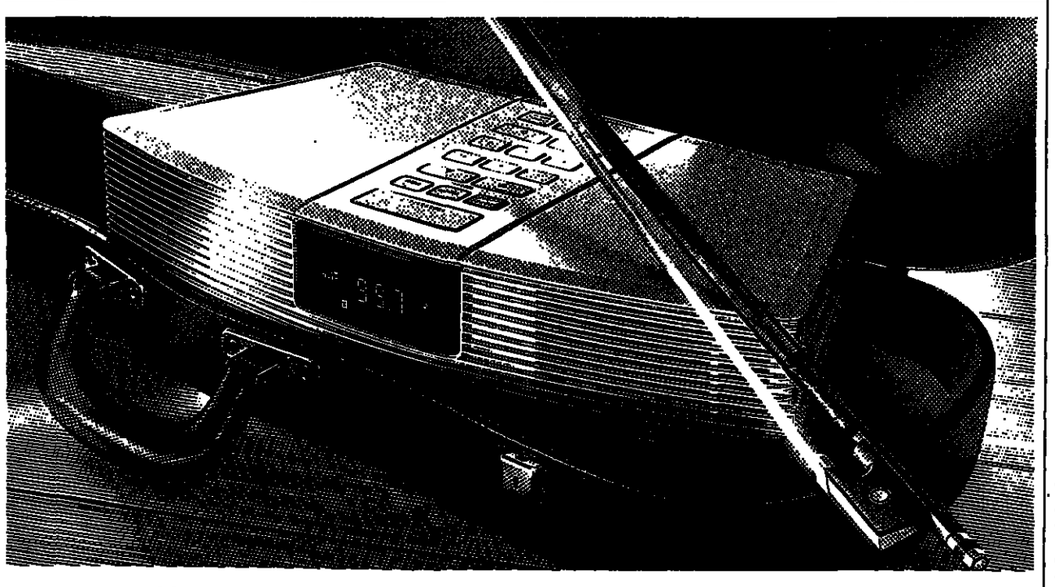
As Labour MPs shouted: "Is that it?" Sir Jerry sat down.

Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, in a brief statement, replied: "Whatever the structures and procedures we have in this House, we cannot legislate for integrity and individual members should act in such a manner whereby their integrity is not called into question.

"I trust this is the last distasteful occasion on which the Speaker is obliged to inquire into the conduct of an honourable member."

Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover, noted that two Tories had been suspended for ten and 20 days for being prepared to accept cash for tabling questions. By contrast Sir Jerry had "got away with murder" by only making a personal statement.

David Winnick (Lab Walsall N) said that if this was the end of the affair, "many, many people outside this House will simply not be able to understand the position".



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British opt-out 'benefits Europe'

BY NICHOLAS WOOD

THE rest of Europe is benefiting from Britain's opt-out from the social chapter, Michael Portillo declared yesterday as the Tory Right renewed its assault on closer European integration.

The Employment Secretary said that other member states were drawing back from the "worst excesses" of the social chapter because they did not want to give British firms too great a competitive edge. "Britain has not only saved herself from greater burdens on business. We have saved Europe from taking further steps to hobble her own competitiveness."

His remarks came as he condemned the "horror" of the European Union's works council directive, which requires big firms to set up machinery for consulting and informing their workers. Britain is not bound by the directive because Mr Portillo invoked the opt-out when it was approved by other member states in September.

His latest broadside at Brussels coincided with another outspoken attack on European federalism by Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor. Speaking in Paris, he warned that the "obsessive and bureaucratic" activities of the European Commission risked driving Britain to the fringes of the Community, if not beyond.

The Eurosceptic tide was running strongly in Britain because people increasingly recognised that the country's independence was being eroded by the expansion of European institutions, he said. Moves to strengthen the European Parliament, extend majority voting in the council of ministers and devise a common foreign policy were "the road leading to the extinction of the nation state".

Nor could Britain join an inner core of EU states committed to much closer integration. The price in terms of loss of national independence was too high.

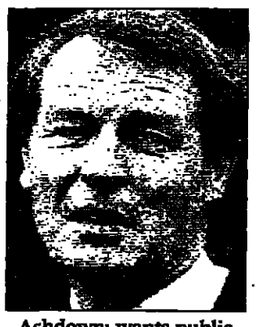
Labour urged to match Lib Dems' rail stance

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PADDY ASHDOWN raised the stakes in the Perth and Kinross by-election campaign last night by challenging Labour to match his pledge to buy back a majority stake in Railtrack.

At a rally in Perth, the Liberal Democrat leader announced that his party would buy back 51 per cent of the shares in Railtrack — if privatisation goes ahead — at either the issue price or the market price, whichever was cheaper. The money — an estimated £200 million over five to six years — would be repaid through borrowing over a lifetime of a Parliament. "Now here's the challenge to Labour. Match it. Stop hiding behind generalisations. This is not the time to be running scared," he said. "If you will make the same commitment as we have, we can stop privatisation dead in its tracks."

Mr Ashdown, speaking in support of his candidate, Veronica Linklater, went on: "Unlike the Labour Party, the Liberal Democrats give more than cosy public relations glow. Unlike the Labour Party, we won't just criticise the Government for its plans for destructive nationalisation of the rail network. We will guarantee that if privatisation goes ahead, we will put our rail infrastructure back under public control."



Ashdown: wants public ownership of Railtrack

His challenge follows the Liberal Democrats' decision to focus their attack on Labour in an attempt to woo disaffected Tory voters in Perth and Kinross. All four main parties yesterday stepped up their efforts to attract the 30 per cent of the electorate still said to be undecided.

But a bruised John Godfrey, the Tory candidate, appeared to be doing his best to avoid meeting any voters. Mr Godfrey chose a tiny shopping centre on a rundown industrial estate, just north of Perth, for his first walkabout yesterday morning. The three shops, protected by sheets of corrugated iron, were almost empty and could hardly be described as traditional Tory territory.

After lunch he was spotted canvassing in a street of smart detached houses and big gardens, but ten minues later he decided to call it day, having found practically no Tory support.

According to a System Three poll published today by the *Glasgow Herald* the SNP is on course for a comfortable victory. It shows that 52 per cent of the electorate said they would vote for the nationalist candidate, Roseanna Cunningham. Labour is in second place on 23 per while the Tories are on 15 per cent and the Liberal Democrats on 9 per cent.

Peers decry pupils' ignorance

CHILDREN'S ignorance about key events and personalities in British history meant they could not appreciate the "basic freedoms" they now enjoyed, the Government was told yesterday.

Baroness Cox (Con) highlighted a recent survey which showed that one third of pupils aged 11 to 14 did not know who Sir Winston Churchill was and two thirds were ignorant of the Holocaust. She told the Lords: "We clearly have failed to give a large number of our children a proper historical understanding of recent events."

Lord Lucas of Crudwell, for the Government, insisted that Churchill and the Holocaust were clearly covered in the new National Curriculum. He welcomed a call by Lord Annan (Ind) that children should be made to learn the dates of the Kings of England to give them a perspective of the panorama of history.

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY in the Commons: questions to transport ministers, the Attorney-General and the Overseas Development Administration were followed by a debate the Child Support Bill.In the Lords: debates on the Disability Discrimination Bill, the National Health Service Amendment Bill and the Home Energy Conservation Bill.

TODAY In the Commons: questions to education ministers and the Prime Minister will be followed by a debate on the Criminal Injuries Compensation Bill. In the Lords: debates on the Jobseekers Bill, the Land Registers (Scotland) Bill and the Prisoners (Amendment) Rules.

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Arafat secures reprieve for Arab areas around Holy City

Rabin backs down over Jerusalem land seizure

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE ISRAELI Government yesterday uncharacteristically bowed to Arab pressure and suspended a plan to seize 133 acres of mainly Palestinian land in annexed east Jerusalem minutes before a Knesset vote of no-confidence threatened to bring down the Labour-led coalition.

The unexpected climbdown infuriated the Israeli Right, which accused the Government of Yitzhak Rabin of surrendering to Yassir Arafat. The Palestine Liberation Organisation leader had met Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister, in Gaza only three hours earlier.

It was the second time this month that Israel's expansionist land policies in conquered territory have had to be abandoned. Similar plans to seize Vatican-owned land in the occupied West Bank for a new road to a Jewish settlement were also scrapped after protests from Rome.

Israel had previously refused to cancel the seizure of the land in the sector of Jerusalem taken from Jordan in 1967, despite criticism by the United Nations Security Council and the Arab League, nine of whose members were to have held an emergency summit in Morocco on Saturday. Following the Israeli decision yesterday, Egyptian state television reported that President Mubarak had contacted the leaders invited to the summit, and they had agreed it should be postponed.

The Israeli climbdown was described by a leading member of the right-wing Likud opposition as "a disgrace to the state of Israel". Political observers said it would increase the temperature in advance of next year's general election and could provoke right-wing demonstrations.

The reversal was decided at an emergency session of the Centre-Left Cabinet after Israeli Arab deputies, who have traditionally supported Mr Rabin, refused to withdraw two motions of no-confidence which appeared likely to secure sufficient opposition support to bring down the three-year-old Government, which has only a small majority.

A heated debate on the motions had already begun amid warnings by Arab deputies of a new intifada when Mr Peres announced that the seizure would be suspended. All land expropriation was to be referred to a new committee headed by Mr Rabin, he added.

During the debate, Mr Peres, a leading Cabinet dove, yelled, banged on the podium with his fist and accused the opposition of exploiting the Government's dilemma in order to secure a result of which its members disapproved. "Toppling the Government is more important [to the opposition] than keeping the unity of the country around Jerusalem," he said.

Only hours earlier, ministers said the policy would not be altered. But although the decision was a humiliation for Labour, many left-wing supporters of the Government privately expressed relief as a breathing space appeared to have been offered to the Middle East peace process.

Senior government sources said that 24 hours earlier, King Husain of Jordan had warned Mr Rabin of severe problems facing him domestically if the land grab went ahead. "There is a militant feeling in the kingdom, and the regime is encountering opposition to the peace in the public and the parliament," the monarch was quoted as saying.

If the Government had fallen, Mr Rabin would have stayed in power at the head of a transition administration, probably until the 1996 election. But experts said that his power to take decisions on the peace process would have been much weakened.



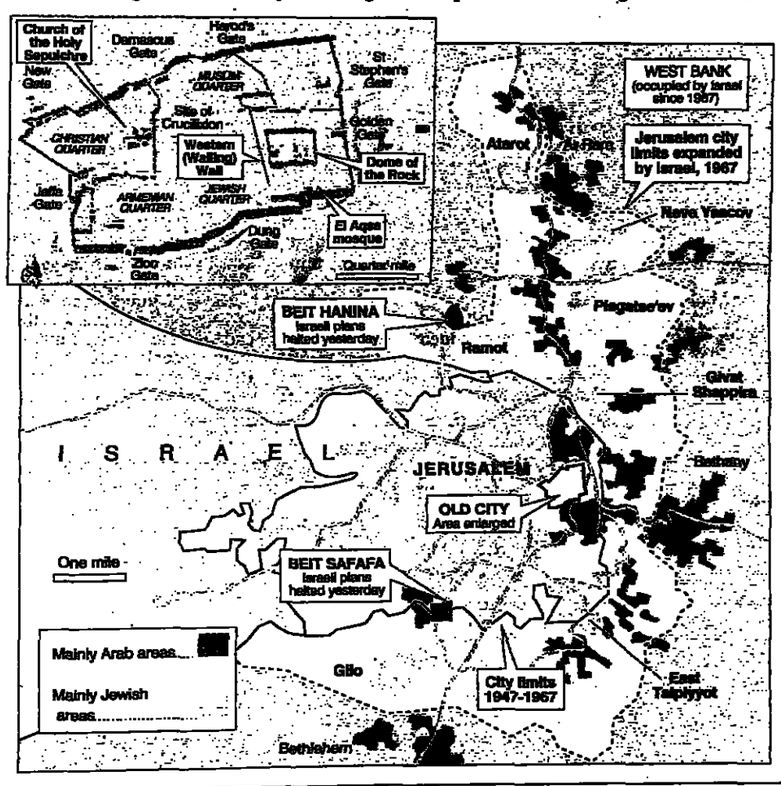
Jerusalem, where Israel's Government had intended taking over 133 acres of mainly Palestinian-owned land

Jerusalem's total population: 405,000 Jews, 155,000 Palestinians. Population of east Jerusalem, captured in 1967: 160,000 Jews and 155,000 Palestinians, 43.6 square miles.

Metropolitan area: from West Bank towns of Ramallah to Bethlehem in south, and from Jewish West Bank settlement town of Maale Adumin in east to Israeli suburb of Mevasseret Zion in west. Population 900,000.

Holy sites: Western or Wailing Wall, last remnant of Jewish Temple destroyed by Romans in 70AD and holiest site of Judaism. Islam's third holiest shrines after Mecca and Medina, Al Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock from where Muhammad is believed to have ascended to heaven. Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where Jesus is widely believed to have been crucified and buried.

Jewish building in east Jerusalem: 60,000 units have been built since 1967 or are planned. On more than half the annexed land, Arabs are not allowed to build.



Ancient and bitter conflict rocks cradle of three faiths

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

BATTLE-scarred from 4,000 years of conflict, the modern city of Jerusalem, a sacred symbol of Islam, Judaism and Christianity, has again emerged at the cutting edge of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Attempts to postpone negotiations about its future status until May 1996 — as suggested in the Oslo peace deal between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation — were exploded by pan-Arab fury at an Israeli plan announced in April to seize 133 acres of mainly Arab land in east Jerusalem.

Although Israel will soon be officially celebrating the 3,000th anniversary of Jerusalem as capital of the Jewish people under King David, it was not until 1949 that the Israeli Cabinet resvolved for the first time that the city was "an inseparable part of the State of Israel and its eternal capital". Two years earlier, shortly before the foundation of the state, a United Nations partition plan that was never implemented resolved to divide Palestine into an Arab and a Jewish state and establish Jerusalem as a third, internationally administered, separate political body. But the Arabs never accepted the UN resolution.

Captured in the 1967 Six Day War and annexed by Israel in the face of international condemnation, east Jerusalem — the mainly Arab sector of the city which contains the main holy shrines — has become a battleground between Arabs and Jews in the race to establish positions before negotiations on the city begin in earnest.

Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, the Housing Minister, declared recently: "The problem is not land. The battle for Jerusalem has begun, and do not let anyone try and fool you. After the Six Day War, the Government decided on the unity of Jerusalem — and there is national consensus on this. Jerusalem is ours, we will do in it what we want, and we will rule as we see fit."

Although the eastern sector has a distinctly Arab atmosphere, the Jewish population of 160,000 now exceeds the 155,000 Arab residents. The Palestinians have been subjected to a number of crippling restrictions.

With the largest single gathering of Arab leaders since 1990 due on Saturday in Rabat, but postponed last night, the Jerusalem issue has revived support for the PLO which it forfeited among Arabs by its support for Saddam Hussein in the Gulf War. Publicly at least, most Arab states support the Palestinian claim that east Jerusalem should be the capital of a future state.

Hope for export boost as Emir of Kuwait arrives

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

SHEIKH Jaber al-Sabah, the Emir of Kuwait, arrives in London today at the start of a full ceremonial state visit that underlines Britain's close relationship with a country for which British soldiers died during the Gulf War.

Since the conflict, Britain has been one of the main Western supporters of the emirate, taking a tough line against the relaxation of sanctions against Iraq and promising Kuwait immediate military backing in its confrontation last year with Iraqi troops massing on the border. The Sheikh will receive renewed pledges during his three-day visit of British moral and political support, and British commitment to Gulf security.

Trade will be another main topic. British firms play a big role in the Kuwaiti oil industry, and the emirate has a substantial holding in BP. However, despite valuable defence sales, Britain lags behind its competitors in total exports, lying fifth among Western exporters to Kuwait. The Government is hoping to take advantage of the goodwill generated by the visit to boost exports. Kuwait is an important arms export market, which the Government is keen to exploit. Although Britain failed to sell Kuwait Challenger 2 main battle tanks, it concluded a £1 billion deal for the sale of Warrior armoured infantry fighting vehicles. Britain has also sold Hawk jet trainers and Tucano turboprop trainers, and is now looking for further sales in all the desert with the rest of the ruling family, and has had to work hard to re-establish their authority since his return from exile in 1991. Largely as a result of behind-the-scenes lobbying, a limited democracy has been re-established, with the election of a new parliament, which has been relatively outspoken. Even this has proved too alarming for other Gulf rulers, and Sheikh Jaber has come under pressure from neighbours to restrict or suspend parliament in order not to encourage ideas of democracy in neighbouring states.



Al-Sabah: established limited democracy

Sheikh Jaber last visited Britain in 1991 as part of a tour of Western capitals to thank the Gulf allies for their support. He will now be looking to Britain for support in Kuwait's campaign to get 627 prisoners missing in Iraq identified and returned. He will also warn Mr Major that, despite worries about Iraq, Kuwait and its Arab neighbours are as concerned about territorial claims and the export of Shia Muslim radicalism by Iran.

The state visit will begin this morning at Victoria Station, where the Emir will arrive after landing at Gatwick and being greeted by the Prince of Wales. He will not be met by the Queen until his arrival at Horse Guards Parade, where he will board the carriage for the traditional carriage procession to Buckingham Palace, with a Sovereign's Escort of the Household Cavalry.

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Renault boss charged over blood scandal

Paris: France's contaminated blood scandal reached the country's business community yesterday when Louis Schweitzer, the chairman of Renault, the car maker, was charged in connection with the affair (Adam Sage writes). The charges against M Schweitzer arise from his role as the director of the private office of the former Prime Minister, Laurent Fabius, during the mid 1980s.

Oklahoma bomb site destroyed

Washington: In just eight seconds today the skeleton of Oklahoma City's Federal Building will be demolished in a veil of smoke and dust, burying forever the most poignant reminder of America's worst act of terrorism (Tom Rhodes writes). More than a month ago a 4,800lb bomb tore through the building, killing 167 people.

15 die in Karachi strike violence

Karachi: Violence left at least 15 people dead, including five members of the security forces, as a strike called by the opposition Mohajir Qaumi Movement brought Pakistan's business capital to a halt yesterday (Zahid Hussain writes). More than 50 people, including 15 security personnel, have died in violence since last Thursday.

Tickets setback and crime mar run-up to rugby

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

RUGBY World Cup fever is gripping South Africa in the run-up to the start of the competition on Thursday, with tickets returned from overseas being made available for local purchase.

The organisers admitted yesterday that sales abroad had been disappointing, but this means that 450,000 tickets are unexpectedly available in South Africa when all but season ticket holders and club shareholders thought that they had lost their chance of attending a cup match.

Yesterday there were a few thousand standing-room tickets available for the opening game between the champions, Australia, and the hosts in Cape Town, but long queues formed at the other main venues when tickets went on sale. The price of tickets for some of the top matches has more than doubled on the black market.

Enthusiasm for the competition is being fuelled by the arrival of about 30,000 supporters from abroad. However, they face not only the chilly and wet winter weather that has suddenly swept across the country, but also a crime wave. The first visiting fan to become a crime victim was a 22-year-old British woman who was raped in Cape Town after accepting a lift with four men sharing a taxi after she left a nightclub at 2am yesterday.

The authorities are concerned over further possible attacks on rugby tourists, and they are issuing leaflets in Johannesburg at the rugby grounds, at hotels and at Jan Smuts airport. "We are not going to say to people that you are entirely safe," said Colonel David Bruce of the Witwatersrand police. "But provided you act sensibly you will have no trouble."

Colonel Bruce said that the centre of Johannesburg was not safe at night, and that even in the day visitors should avoid bus terminuses, and do their sightseeing in groups.

He did not deny that there was a high murder rate in Johannesburg, but pointed out that the murders were mainly in the outskirts of the city, in the black townships, where tourists were unlikely to go unescorted. "If they go to Soweto, they are likely to go in official tour groups, so that won't be a problem either," he said.

In Cape Town, police will be patrolling business centres, tourist venues and financial institutions in cars and on bicycles.

In Durban, where most of the England fixtures will be played, Jack Rowell, the team manager, said there was no curfew for his players. "The players were here last year," he said. "They go out in groups or with security help. They're very responsible people."

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Serbia to recognise Bosnia in exchange for softer sanctions

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
AND JOEL BRAND
IN SARAJEVO

■ As more questions are raised about the UN peacekeeping operation, the West hopes that the Bosnian Serbs' increasing isolation will drive them back to the negotiating table

PRESIDENT Milosevic of Serbia is believed to have decided to recognise Bosnia-Herzegovina in exchange for a further easing of sanctions, and the agreement should be announced within two days, according to European and Serbian sources yesterday.

The deal would provide a much-needed spur to the peace process, but leave the Bosnian Serbs more isolated than ever. Foreign ministers of the Contact Group countries are so convinced that an agreement has been reached that they are preparing to discuss it at a meeting in The Hague next week. France, meanwhile, may try once more to convene a fully fledged peace conference before its presidency of the European Union expires at the end of next month.

Robert Frasure, the American envoy sent to Belgrade last week to negotiate with Mr Milosevic on behalf of the Contact Group, is believed to have finalised the recognition deal yesterday and he is expected to leave Belgrade today to relay details to the member governments — the American, British, French, German and Russian.

Mr Frasure reportedly offered to suspend most sanctions for 200 days, with the exception of the crucial embargos on oil, military equipment and international credits. Serb sources suggested that bank accounts could be unfrozen, though Western diplomatic sources said this was unlikely.



Milosevic has cut the Bosnian Serbs adrift

Foreign ministers from the Contact Group will probably meet to endorse any deal on the margins of the Nato meeting in The Netherlands next week. In Moscow, a senior Foreign Ministry official said that he expected such a meeting to take place.

In Belgrade, Mr Milosevic appears to be preparing public opinion and more hardline nationalists through reports in the tightly controlled Belgrade media that an agreement could be close. The Serbian leader was the patron of the Bosnian Serbs until he cut them off last year in exchange for some sanctions relief. The UN curbs were imposed in 1992 as a punishment for Serbia's role in fomenting the Bosnian war.

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, showed his alarm at the expected deal by saying: "No one can recognise Bosnia-Herzegovina unless we recognise it, and this we shall never do."

The agreement would cause huge relief in Western capitals where it is hoped that the Bosnian Serbs' increasing isolation will drive them back to the negotiating table.

In Sarajevo yesterday, snipers and shells killed three residents and wounded four as Bosnian Serb troops retook more heavy weapons from UN soldiers. Peacekeeping officials admitted that the heavy weapons exclusion zone around the city was effectively defunct.

Workers have erected more large shields in recent days to keep pedestrians out of the sights of Serb snipers. Large cargo containers and plastic sheeting now adorn several crossroads in the Bosnian capital.

The UN privately admits that the heavy weapons exclusion zone around Sarajevo has only a negligible deterrent effect now. The Serbs see the peacekeepers who are supposed to guard those arms as insurance against possible Nato air strikes. They have made it apparent that those peacekeepers cannot be withdrawn. "More to the point, how do we actually get them out?" one official asked.

Fighting was reported in several other areas of Bosnia, including a Croat enclave near a vital Serb supply route in northern Bosnia, the northwestern Bihac area, and the southwestern Livno plain where Serbs are fighting Croats.



President Walesa kisses the hand of the Pope after he celebrated Mass in Skoczow yesterday. At least 200,000 Poles greeted the pontiff's brief return to his homeland at the end of his tour of Central and Eastern Europe

Pope calls for religious tolerance

BY ROGER BOYES

POST-COMMUNIST Polish government ministers yesterday knelt in front of the Pope as he gave a warning against a new wave of intolerance in Central and Eastern Europe directed at Catholics.

The pontiff was speaking at a Mass in the southern Polish township of Skoczow, across the border from the Czech Republic, at the end of a pilgrimage intended to rebuild the relationship between Catholics and Protestants in the region, as well as alerting the young to the dangers of materialism.

It was a brief but emotional homecoming for the Pope, and there was a stark contrast between the thin crowds in the largely agnostic Czech Republic and the enthusiastic 200,000 Poles gathered yesterday. The Pope declared: "I greet this land with particular emotion." However, his homily against secular temptation and intolerance was anything but sentimental.

It was plain that he fears the erosion of faith in post-communist Europe. A poll published in Prague at the weekend showed that only 20 per cent of Czechs now consider themselves Catholic, 3 per cent regard themselves as Hussite Protestant, while most of the rest are unsure or non-believers.

The Vatican has long feared that this agnosticism could spread even into devoutly Catholic Poland. The authorities and the public had to be tolerant of believers, he said. "In the name of totalitarian ideologies, millions of people were forced to act against their deepest convictions. We recall the period when consciences were suppressed, when human dignity was despised, when so many innocent people suffered for deciding to remain faithful to their convictions," he said. Now, "despite appearances, the rights of conscience must be defended as well".

In part, the Pope's comments were aimed at the left-of-centre Polish Government whose Prime Minister, Josef Oleksy, was present at the Mass. One Vatican concern has been that guarantees of religious freedom were being steadily chipped away as more and more former communists return to power.

Secret talks on Cyprus begin in blaze of publicity

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

GREEK and Turkish negotiators from Cyprus have arrived in London for supposedly "secret talks" in an attempt to break the inter-communal deadlock.

President Clerides and Rauf Denktas, who was recently re-elected as president of the self-proclaimed Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, are taking advantage of an offer by Britain to restart face-to-face talks, and have sent their top negotiators to a secret location.

The aim is to replicate the Oslo formula used to start direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation. However, given the publicity surrounding the two-day talks, there was considerable scepticism among British officials yesterday over the commitment of the two sides to end a quarrel that has divided the island for more than 20 years.

Greek Cypriot newspapers named the participants and gave details of the agenda. The Greek side is headed by Alecos Markides, and his Turkish counterpart is Necati Ertegun. Some journalists followed the delegations to Britain. Since the main aim of the meeting was to avoid the glare of publicity and publication of any concessions that would arouse hostility, the leaks have made a successful outcome less likely.

Britain, a main contributor to the United Nations peacekeeping force on the island, has been pushing hard for a renewal of negotiations. The basic thrust of a settlement, based on a UN map of Greek and Turkish controlled areas, has been all but agreed. However, last-minute haggling led to accusations of bad faith by both sides, the breaking off of talks a year ago and an irritable announcement from UN negotiators that they could do nothing further until both sides showed more political will.

President Clerides is said to be eager for a settlement, as he wants to begin membership negotiations with the European Union. However, he risks having any deal scuppered by the denunciations of opposition parties.

UN judge investigates Croatia atrocities

Zagreb: The chief prosecutor for the United Nations war crimes tribunal for former Yugoslavia visited Zagreb, the Croatian capital, yesterday to look into possible atrocities committed during recent fighting in central Croatia. Judge Richard Goldstone met Mate Granic, the Foreign Minister, and was due to meet Yasushi Akashi, the UN special envoy.

"We discussed generally aspects of co-operation between the tribunal and particularly the office of the prosecutor and the Croatian Government," Judge Goldstone said. He and Mr Granic discussed allegations of Croatian army atrocities during its May 1-2 offensive in western Slavonia, and "other events" in Croatia at the beginning of May.

The UN earlier accused Croatian troops of directly targeting fleeing Serb civilians during the assault but later said it was unclear whether civilians were caught in crossfire or intentionally gunned down. *(Reuter)*

Burmese junta toughens stance on opposition as investment flows in



Suu Kyi: nearing seventh year of house arrest

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PAYATHONZU, BURMA

THE Burmese military junta is showing signs of economic liberalisation but appears to be returning to a tougher line on political dissidents.

Just a few months ago, the junta seemed to be trying to prove it was intent on change. Its leaders met Aung Sang Suu Kyi, the detained opposition leader, late last year after years of refusing to. Some detainees were freed, certain reforms promised and a somewhat more liberal attitude towards the generally terrorised opposition seemed to be emerging. Then in January, Burmese forces overran the Manerplaw headquarters of the Karen National Union, the most prominent separatist group fighting Rangoon.

At the same time, a new market-oriented economic policy has brought some signs of prosperity in Rangoon and Mandalay after three decades of socialist stagnation. Some foreign investment has been attracted and plush new hotels have opened. "Now [the junta] is more arrogant than ever," said a Bangkok-based diplomat. "It is confident things are going its way and that the international community will gradually come round."

Daw Suu Kyi, 50, was leader of Burma's pro-democracy movement and winner of the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize. In July, she will begin her seventh year under house arrest.

"I'm not very sanguine about her prospects of being freed," said one senior Rangoon-based envoy. "All the indications are that the regime is not prepared to release her. It still seems to fear unrest."

Land pledge placates Indian bandits

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN BHOPAL

ARMED with trademark curly moustaches and a couple of shotguns, 14 *dacoits* (bandits) swaggered into the central Indian city of Bhopal last week for high-level talks about their grievances.

Malkhan Singh, who has 19 murders to his name, tucked his ten-inch moustache behind his ears and said that he was satisfied with the outcome of an hour's discussion with Digvijay Singh, the Chief Minister of the state of Madhya Pradesh.

He and his fellow brigands were promised land, cows and scholarships for their children by Mr Singh, who has launched an unprecedented drive to end an 800-year tradition of banditry in the inhospitable Chambal Valley in the north of the state. Eight small gangs still prowl the terrain, searching for wealthy people to rob. Malkhan Singh and 22 of his gang members surrendered in 1982 after the state government promised that they would not be hanged, and receive only light prison sentences. The offer was further sweetened with pledges of land and money. Most of them served seven or eight years in jail.

> "I never made much money as a brigand. I should have become a politician"

The dacoits complained that many of the promises had not been fulfilled and that they had been given poor quality land. The minister promised to settle their grievances. Malkhan Singh said he would never return to the ravines but, like all his friends, would always regard himself as a dacoit.

He was now scratching a living from a small piece of land. "I never made much money from dacoity," he said. "I should have become a politician. That's the way to get rich."

The minister yesterday pledged to fight for the release of all remaining Chambal dacoits from prison. He is aware that the ageing legends of dacoity are folk heroes for the young who might want to adopt the same lifestyle.

The state government says that the cost of satisfying the dacoits' demands is nothing compared to the cost of being forced to resume huge security operations in Chambal if there were a big resurgence of banditry.

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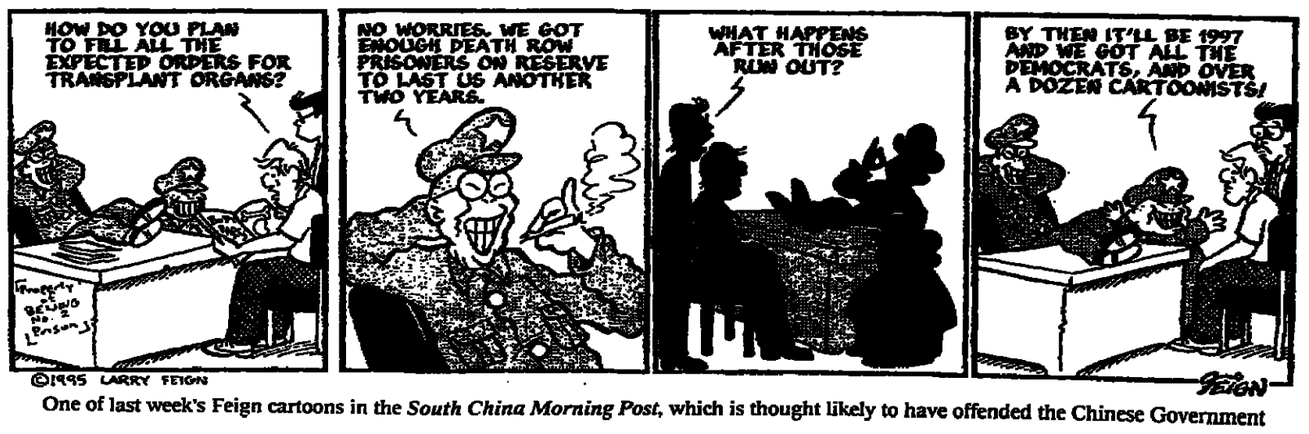
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One of last week's Feign cartoons in the *South China Morning Post*, which is thought likely to have offended the Chinese Government

Anti-Peking cartoonist erased from payroll

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY
IN HONG KONG

A DISPUTE about self-censorship by the Hong Kong press in deference to Peking has broken out after the dismissal of the colony's best-known political cartoonist from the leading English-language newspaper.

Larry Feign, the creator of "Lily Wong", a notoriously anti-Peking strip, which has appeared in the *South China Morning Post* for more than five years, was dismissed by fax at the weekend. David Armstrong, the editor, said the decision was made for budgetary reasons.

Chris Patten, the Governor and a fan of the cartoon strip, once wrote a letter to Feign saying "I follow the adventures of 'Lily' daily." Anti-Peking members of the Legislative Council have expressed alarm over the dismissal. In a letter to the *Post*, Martin Lee said that after the 1997 handover to China, "we in Hong Kong will have one country with two systems — but no sense of humour".

Feign said yesterday: "This cartoon comes straight from my heart. I feel as if a lover has died. I can't believe that the world's most profitable paper would cut me for budgetary reasons. I even offered to take a pay cut, but the editor refused. It doesn't add up." He said the cartoon strip was not even allowed to leave with a final farewell.

Colleagues at the *Post* were unwilling to comment publicly, but some suggested that last week's cartoons about Chinese organ transplants from executed criminals may have been too much for Robert Kuok, the paper's owner, who observed recently that the Hong Kong press should avoid confrontation with Peking. Mr Kuok, a Malaysian tycoon, bought the paper last year from Rupert Murdoch, chief executive of The News Corporation. The journalists added, however, that Mr Kuok, who has close links to China's leaders, had not previously intervened when the newspaper was critical of China.

Hong Kong journalists are nervous about offending Peking. Several have been arrested on the mainland and one, Xi Yang, is serving a 15-year sentence for disclosing "state secrets" which were well-known financial statistics. The de facto Chinese embassy here, the New China news agency, regularly complains to editors about "fabrications". Peking is especially sensitive to organ-transplant stories involving executed prisoners, which it regularly denounces.

Robin Munro, of Human Rights Watch Asia, who originally disclosed that executed prisoners' organs were being sold, said that the newspaper "owes its readers an explanation for these events".

☐ Police defended: A senior Hong Kong official yesterday described as reasonable the use of 3,250 teargas rounds by police fighting Vietnamese throwing spears and rocks in an operation to move them to another detention centre. It was more than six times the amount of teargas fired in an April 1994 confrontation. That time, a government-ordered inquiry criticised police for using excessive force. *(AP)*

India blocks British cash for charity

Delhi: Calcutta Rescue, a British charity that works with the destitute, has begun winding up its operations because India is refusing to let it use money raised in Britain (Christopher Thomas writes).

The organisation, which runs makeshift clinics under canvas, has been using foreign donations since it began 15 years ago. The Government suddenly stopped it doing so, without any explanation. About £150,000 is sitting in a bank account in Britain.

The charity has been forced to stop paying its 135 Indian staff, and doctors are unable to buy drugs to treat patients with tuberculosis, leprosy and diabetes. On a typical day ten doctors treat 300 to 350 people.

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Kantor confronted by Japanese envoy over car dispute

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN BRUSSELS

THE trade dispute between the United States and Japan over car imports took a sharp turn for the worse yesterday as senior officials from the two countries engaged in a rare public show of accusations and recriminations.

Tomohiko Kobayishi, Japan's Ambassador to the European Union, gatecrashed a conference by Mickey Kantor, the American Trade Representative, and asked a series of "questions" in which he expressed dismay at the Administration's trade policies. This exchange followed Mr Kantor's announcement last week of punitive tariffs on Japanese luxury cars by June 28, unless Tokyo agrees to open its market to American cars and parts.

Mr Kobayashi suggested that America's failure to capture a strong market share in Japan reflected the lack of suitable cars, rather than Japan's failure to open its markets. A visibly agitated Mr Kantor responded by saying that "in the US, foreign cars have captured 35 per cent of the market. In Japan, it is 3 per cent. With all due respect, and I respect you very much, sir, you do no get your numbers right."

Mr Kantor was referring to the Japanese claim that Europe's market share in Japan is twice as high as America's. He said that this statistic measured market share by revenue, and reflected the high prices of Mercedes and BMW cars. In terms of volume, he said, the European share was about 3 per cent, roughly equal to the share of American cars.

After the news conference, Mr Kantor shook hands with the ambassador, telling him with a forced smile that he was "glad you asked the question". A less inhibited American official subsequently described the ambassador's public intervention as an act of "blatant desperation".

Mr Kobayashi said later that Japan would consider retaliation if America imposes a 100 per cent tariff on 13 Japanese car models. Washington is particularly concerned about the system of tied dealerships and service outlets, which are restricted to using car parts made by the Japanese manufacturer.

Mr Kobayashi said Tokyo had no legal right to change such contractual arrangements, adding that these were similar to the way dealerships and outlets operate in the EU. He added: "We do not understand why the US has taken such action. Japanese car makers have made efforts for 40 years. We have invested huge amounts of money and efforts in the US. The Americans have never made such efforts. The US has never produced cars of less than 2 litres. No US model is earmarked for this 80 per cent segment of the Japanese market. The US has only two models with right-hand drive."

Mr Kobayashi added that Tokyo would consider immediate retaliation, possibly by clamping down on US agriculture imports, if the Americans press ahead with the tariffs.

Mr Kantor said earlier: "The ball is now in Japan's court. Japan has the lowest percentage of imports per GDP of any industrialised country in the world. It is time for Japan to act. She knows exactly what she needs to do."

The car dispute was also the subject of a private discussion earlier between Mr Kantor and Sir Leon Brittan, the European Trade Commissioner. Last week, Sir Leon said that America's unilateral action undermined the World Trade Organisation. Sir Leon and Mr Kantor agreed that yesterday's talks had been "businesslike".



Kantor: took issue with Japanese sales figures



A smiling Gunther Finneisen takes the wheel of the commandeered Porsche as he and his fellow convict drive off with their hostage near Celle in northern Germany. They negotiated with police over the car phone

HIV-infected convicts seize hostage in police chase through Germany

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

> "We will hold out as long as we can. I'd rather die with a bullet in the skull here outside than die bit by bit behind bars"

TWO escaped convicts infected with the HIV virus that causes Aids yesterday criss-crossed northern Germany in a black Porsche, threatening to harm a prison warder they had taken hostage unless the authorities paid out £80,000 and abandoned the chase.

Helicopters clattered above the Porsche and cars full of plainclothes police dogged the car's movements as the men headed from their prison in Celle towards Hanover city centre. As the two negotiated on the car telephone and gave interviews with the television channel N-TV, commentators were describing the chase as a German version of the O.J. Simpson case. The car of the US football player, who faces a double-murder charge, was tracked in the full glare of the media.

The two men, Gunther Finneisen, 37, and Peter Strudinger, 38, were regular drug users in prison and appeared to have caught the HIV virus through infected needles. Strudinger, already serving a sentence for hostage taking, is not due for release until 2006. That evidently persuaded him that he had nothing left to lose, since he risked dying in jail. His companion has broken out of prison once before, in 1990 shortly after the birth of his son. After overpowering the guard at the prison library on Sunday, the two called newspapers and radio stations to say they were protesting about inadequate medical care and facilities at the prison. They blamed poor care for the death of a fellow inmate from a heart attack last week. Local police called for a news blackout in the interests of the hostage's safety. The long-haired and bearded Finneisen told television reporters by telephone: "We will hold out as long as we can. I would rather die with a bullet in the skull here outside than die bit by bit behind bars."

Strudinger appeared to be dictating the route of the Porsche yesterday as they spent hours driving close to the small town in Lower Saxony where he was born. Overnight, police who followed the Porsche from the prison gates, said they lost track of the fugitives until helicopters spotted the car.

The convicts broke out of jail on Sunday when they overpowered a 35-year-old warden using weapons they had secretly assembled themselves. A Porsche was demanded and granted.

Strudinger pulled off almost exactly the same crime exactly 11 years ago. On May 21, 1984, he used a homemade shotgun to overwhelm a guard, fled in a police-provided car and was arrested the next day in Bremen. Police, broadcasting on radio frequencies used for traffic news, told the convicts they were willing to negotiate.

The hostage joined in. "The police should just go away," he yelled into the car telephone. Plainly the helicopter hovering overhead was unnerving the two convicts. "As soon as the helicopters are gone and we feel safe we will let our hostage go," said Finneisen.

When the Porsche's phone broke down, the fugitives stopped at a phone booth to call police and demand that the cars and helicopters give up the chase.



Peter Strudinger, left, and Gunther Finneisen, both of whom have escaped from prison before

EU edges closer to sanctions on budget fraudsters

FROM MICHAEL DYNES IN BRUSSELS

PUNITIVE sanctions against people who defraud the European Union's annual £67 billion budget moved a step closer yesterday in what Brussels officials describe as an "unprecedented clampdown" on theft and mismanagement.

EU economic and finance ministers agreed on the "political urgency" of introducing new rules empowering Brussels to impose fines on individuals who claim European funds to which they are not entitled, and banning them from making further claims.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, said that there was now a "general public desire" to see substantive progress on tackling fraud, which some critics believe deprives the EU of billions of pounds in taxpayers' money every year. The new rules will apply to the entire European budget, and should enable the Commission to reclaim funds without having to prove criminal intent in the domestic courts.

If the losses are found to be the result of negligence on the part of national governments, Brussels will also be able to deduct the appropriate sum from their annual entitlement.

The anti-fraud work of the economic and finance ministers is running in parallel with attempts by justice ministers to make fraud against the European budget a criminal offence in all 15 member states, leading to prison terms for fraudsters.

Both initiatives are expected to be approved at the EU summit meeting in Cannes next month. The moves are seen as vital to protect European funds which have become the target of international crime syndicates in search of easy pickings. But co-ordinating an EU-wide response on fraud was described by one official as "a big, complex, and difficult issue".

The ministers also agreed on new measures to protect small investors in financial firms that go bankrupt. The measures will make little difference to Britain, however, where investor protection schemes are already well advanced.

Chirac ally is Mayor of Paris

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

PRESIDENT CHIRAC reinforced his already formidable power base yesterday when his right-hand man, Jean Tiberi, was chosen to succeed him as Mayor of Paris.

Deputy Mayor of the capital since 1983, M Tiberi, 60, is noted for his loyalty to the new French President, whom he has served for the best part of 30 years. His rise to the top Paris job confirms M Chirac's dominance of the French political scene. The President intervened to ensure M Tiberi's election, telling other senior Gaullist figures to withdraw from the race.

Backed by a big majority in the National Assembly, equally strong support in the Senate and a powerful network of local councils, the President will be able to implement his policies largely unhindered. His ascendancy will be confirmed today when deputies are certain to vote in favour of the anti-unemployment measures at the heart of the Government's programme.



Tiberi: was promoted from deputy Mayor

Clinton relents over campus visit by Taiwan leader

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

BOWING to pressure from the Republican Congress at the expense of American relations with China, President Clinton is allowing the leader of Taiwan to make a private visit to the United States next month.

The decision comes only a week after Mr Clinton had refused a visa for President Lee Teng-hui, who has been invited to speak at a reunion at his alma mater, Cornell University in New York state.

Sixteen years ago, the United States withdrew diplomatic recognition from Taiwan in deference to China, which considers the island of 21 million people an illegitimate, breakaway republic. Peking has consistently said that it would regard a visit by Mr Lee as a serious breach of its "one China" policy.

Earlier this month, however, the Senate decided by 97 votes to 1 to reverse the long-standing policy and allow Mr Lee to attend the campus reunion at the university where he gained a doctorate in 1968. The Senate decision was approved unanimously by the House of Representatives.

Shortly afterwards, China's Foreign Ministry said if Mr Lee was admitted, it would have "serious consequences". A US State Department official insisted yesterday that the visa did not signal a change in American policy towards either Taiwan or China. However, he said: "We expect China to be unhappy about this, but we'll have to wait and see how they react."

The decision will not help American hopes of any Chinese co-operation in curbing North Korea's nuclear weapons programme and comes at a time when American relations with Asia have reached a nadir. In one week, Mr Clinton has threatened crippling trade sanctions on Japanese cars and reversed his decision over the Taiwan President's planned visit, thereby angering the two most powerful Governments in the region.

When Anthony Lake, the National Security Adviser, and Peter Tarnoff, the Under Secretary of State, met Li Daoyu, China's Ambassador to the United States, to inform him of the President's decision over the weekend, the reception was reported to have been cold. Mr Li said his Government was "very unhappy" and would have a sharp reaction to the change in policy.

The two Americans told the ambassador that if Mr Clinton did not grant a visa soon, Congress might adopt a binding resolution requiring him to do so and upgrading America's relationship with Taiwan.

When President Bush announced plans in 1992 to sell F16 fighter jets to Taiwan, China protested and ignored American pleas not to sell missile systems to Pakistan and nuclear technology to Iran.

Several Asia experts at the State Department advised the President not to give Mr Lee a visa, fearing it could cause lasting damage to Sino-American relations at a time when the Administration's diplomatic priorities are to maintain strong links with the world's major powers. However, Mr Clinton has been keen to shed the impression in Congress that he is bowing to Chinese pressure.

Dehaene in talks to name Belgian team

BY MICHAEL DYNES

TALKS to assemble Belgium's new coalition government began in earnest yesterday amid universal relief that the anticipated surge in support for right-wing extremists had failed to materialise.

Jean-Luc Dehaene, the leader of the Christian Democrat-Socialist coalition, submitted his Government's resignation to King Albert. The Centre-Left coalition's retention of its majority in the legislative assembly means, however, that its return to power is likely to be little more than a formality.

Mr Dehaene refused to be drawn on the composition of the new government, but he has made it clear he was happy with the alliance between the Flemish and French Christian Democrats and Socialists. The first task of the new coalition will be to draw up a four-year austerity budget to cut Belgium's deficit and public debt — now the biggest in the industrialised world. Mr Dehaene is also committed to overhauling the welfare system, which threatens to bankrupt the federal budget by 2000.

Curse of Dracula is a mixed blessing

FROM SEAN HILLEN IN BUCHAREST

THE Dracula myth is tearing at the Romanian Government this week as the inaugural World Dracula Congress opens in Transylvania, with the desire to attract tourists and earn valuable foreign exchange offset by distaste at some of the tales surrounding the man who inspired Bram Stoker's vampire.

Writers and historians from around the world will attend the congress and address issues such as Stoker's prose style and the historical background of the man also known as Vlad Tepes, from the Romanian word for stake, as well as the traditions and cultures of Romania and Transylvania.

The highlights of the festivities are to be a "witch burning" in the medieval town of Sighisoara, and a masked ball in memory of the unfortunate, albeit fictional, Jonathan Harker, the Stoker character who met a nasty end near Bistrita.

The three-day gathering is mainly intended as an opportunity for serious Dracula followers and academic specialists to delve into the mystery of the story, and possibly to lay some of the myths and misinformation about the 15th-century national hero, Vlad Domn, to rest.

"Vlad Tepes was certainly not a vampire," said a spokesman for Bravo Group, the Bucharest-based company organising the congress, which has attracted a hundred Dracula admirers from Europe, Japan and the United States. "He did not drink blood but was a fearless leader. He is known for his discipline and his innovation in the art of bat-keeping. He was related to Genghis Khan."

Tepes is known to have impaled thousands of criminals on stakes during a single week. But he is remembered by his fellow countrymen for saving Wallachia from marauding Turks who came north looking for women, land and money. In 1462 it is recorded that Turkish warriors retreated hastily on seeing 20,000 corpses on poles when they entered his citadel near Tirgoviste.

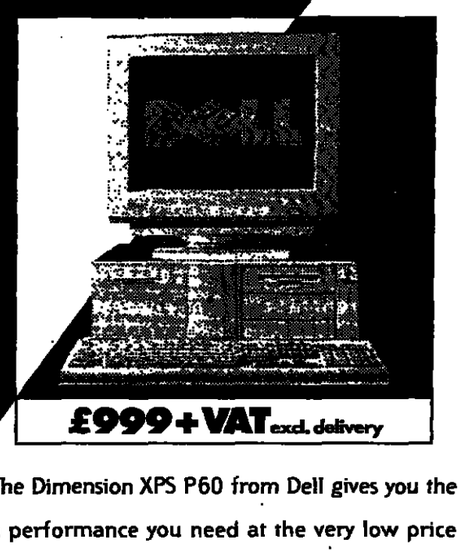
Francis Ford Coppola's film of death and erotica fanned a fierce national debate as Romanians do not like the confusion between their hero and the fictional Dracula who was created by Stoker in Dublin.

Angered by Coppola's film, Princess Alexandra Caradja, the last known descendant of Vlad, sued the film-maker and started a national campaign to restore the reputation of the man whom many prefer to remember as "the Impaler".



Vlad: the impaling hero of Romanians

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Why do so few new films have leading female roles, asks **Giles Whittell**

Hollywood shuns its pretty women



Julia Roberts visits Haiti: she has not acted for more than a year and needs to keep her star status

Julia Roberts lost her temper last week — not on a sound stage, nor with a paparazzo poking his lens into her private life, but on a UN photo-call in Haiti. The frayed end of Miss Roberts's tether was evident when she pointed into the media throng inside a schoolroom she was visiting and snapped: "You in the orange shirt! Out!"

It was not the serene sort of countenance presented by such former Unicef goodwill ambassadors as Audrey Hepburn, Peter Ustinov and that graduate of the world's toughest school of public comportment, the Princess of Wales. The UN Children's Fund apologised to the press travelling with Miss Roberts, explaining that she was "shy" and "inexperienced" in her new role.

What the trip achieves for Haiti's desperate children remains to be seen. What it reflects about the pressures of contemporary female superstardom is already clear. Unlike their male counterparts, actresses in search of serious roles at several million dollars per film are finding Hollywood less amenable than ever (and those who shun it should not expect much sympathy either).

Julia Roberts has had a bad nine months. Her last film, *I Love Trouble*, which co-starred Nick Nolte, bombed when released last autumn. She moved to New York and weathered a storm of I-told-you-so's as her brief marriage to country singer Lyle Lovett fell apart. Casting about for something useful and unshowbizzy to do with her time, she alighted on Haitian children. She offered Unicef two weeks of her time. They wanted only two days — travelling stars tie up personnel who could otherwise be hacking away at the developmental coalface. Eventually a six-day trip was agreed. Even that, as the orange-shirted photographer found out, proved a strain for someone used to near-total insulation from the real world.

The siren with the big hair and the enormous mouth, who had the world at her feet as the star of *Pretty Woman*, has not acted for more than a year. Is she sulking? Or has she bumped her pretty head on Hollywood's lofty glass ceiling?

The studios have launched their costliest summer ever, and it's an overwhelmingly male one: 16 frantic weekends for 54 new releases, six of which cost more than $70 million (£44 million) each. These are the "tentpole" movies — colossal investments, massively promoted in the hope of earning back enough to subsidise the flops. They include *Batman Forever* ($100 million), *Judge Dredd* ($80 million) and *Waterworld*, the most expensive film of all time at $175 million. And not one of them has a really meaty role for a woman.

To the chagrin of home-grown talent, the closest thing to a star female part in the season's ten most expensive films is taken by a Brit. Julia Ormond plays Guinevere opposite Richard Gere in *First Knight* ($75 million). Next in order of visibility come Nicole Kidman as Batman's pouting love interest and Meryl Streep as a deeply domesticated farmer's wife for whom Clint Eastwood (as a travelling photo-journalist in *The Bridges of Madison County*) represents an outside world she hardly knows.

Streep's last role was as a fearless, muscle-bound whitewater rafter in *The River Wild*. It was a coup for her to land her latest part opposite Eastwood, which every major actress in town had pursued. But she will have to forgive the critics if they complain that after a daring — for a woman — attempt to "carry" an action movie she has harnessed herself to a stereotype.

Meanwhile the current king of the American box office, *Crimson Tide*, has an all-male — and all-macho — cast, apart from a few seconds of Denzel Washington's screen wife bidding him a tearful farewell as he reports for duty on a submarine at the start of the story. The same goes for *Apollo 13*, Tom Hanks's bid for a third consecutive Oscar. There is precious little scent of a woman at Mission Control, still less aboard Commander Lovell's stricken command module.

The message for screen actresses, even those who are at the peak of their powers, is clear and depressing. When the leading producers decide to loosen their purse-strings and make a splash, they call up the men. Neither do they apologise for it. According to the *Hollywood Reporter*'s influential "Star Power" survey, they are simply playing the market.

> The one option is to take off their clothes

Of the eight stars given an A+ in the survey this year by those who buy advance foreign rights to films, and thereby provide the money that gets them made, all are men. Five scored a maximum 100 points, meaning they can attract money to a film whoever else is involved and however bad the script. They were Tom Cruise, Harrison Ford, Mel Gibson, Tom Hanks and Arnold Schwarzenegger. Last year Julia Roberts was up there with them. This time she slid six points, joined in her downward bankability by Kim Basinger, Emma Thompson, Glenn Close and Sigourney Weaver. (Hugh Grant jumped 32 points.) It was, the trade paper concluded, "a lousy year for women; the gender's weakest performance in at least five years".

This could be all our fault. The producer Peter Hoffman blamed the maleness of movies on their audiences' "ingrained social prejudice". The old truism about children's films — that girls go to boys' films, but not vice versa — may apply equally to grown-ups. But many accuse the industry of soft-pedalling in its perennial quest for stronger roles for women.

Women wanting to compete on more equal terms have one reliable option: to take off their clothes. Demi Moore has agreed to a few frames of full frontal nudity in her next film, *Striptease*. In the process she boosted her pay by $5 million to $12 million, the most an actress has ever been paid for a single film.

Titillation may be the way ahead, but Julia Roberts hasn't taken it. Perhaps it was something her mother told her. That would certainly account for her brisk brush-off lines. According to a neighbour in her new Grammercy Park apartment building in downtown Manhattan, a bunch of flowers sent to welcome her recently was returned with the message: "I don't take gifts from strangers."

One facelift too far for comfort

How can doctors with the purest of intentions end up in cosmetic surgery?

A woman has died after — and I use the word after in its temporal not causational sense — having a tummy tuck, in order "to regain her youthful looks". Not long ago another woman appeared on a television programme to explain about being a member of a third sex. Convinced of her essential androgyny, she had a double mastectomy and a hysterectomy.

More recently a 14-year-old girl told of the cosmetic surgery for which she was saving her pocket money, just to make her — and this is the pathetic part — "pretty enough to be a television presenter".

You or I or might reasonably point out that the thing about youth is that it is not regainable, that believing yourself to be neither man nor woman shows a degree of psychological rather than physical dislocation and that many 14-year-old girls feel anxious about their looks, but offering a nose job and cheek-bone augmentation is not the way to help them to get over that anxiety.



NIGELLA LAWSON

Unfortunately some doctors appear to reason differently. They can always be found and relied upon to carry out these operations (*I'd call them mutilations*). To call these doctors unscrupulous is tempting but it cannot be the truth (though I'm not sure I know quite what the right word would be for a surgeon who could remove perfectly healthy breasts and a perfectly healthy womb from a woman whose trouble lay so evidently elsewhere).

And I can't help but wonder how doctors who've gone through years of study and training, who went into medicine presumably with the purest of intentions, can end up in those facelift factories, performing operations that for the most part have no justification on medical grounds. Does it feel like failure, if a decidedly lucrative means of failure, to them?

I bet it doesn't. To a white-coated man, I am sure they are all convinced that what they are doing is helping people, and helping people in the best way they know. No doubt the surgeon who complied with the woman who claimed her true state to be so-called androgynous would not have done so if he didn't feel that his very radical treatment would benefit her as radically.

Watching last night's *Bramwell* on television I saw Robert Hardy, as deliciously, preposterously, fruity as ever, as a Victorian surgeon lecturing on the therapeutic value of the removal of the ovaries, as a cure for melancholia. The whole point of the set piece was to show how brutal medicine was then. But you don't always need the perspective of time to see that the sincerity with which an opinion is held doesn't make it right.

It is not lack of scruple that makes doctors behave in ways that take our breath away: it is lack of humility. It is, if you like, the arrogance of science: those who practise medicine cannot imagine that whatever they can offer is not the highest good; they cannot admit of the possible failings, the limits or shortcomings of medicine.

I am not anti-science: and I do not for one minute accept the New Age orthodoxies about the iniquities of what is called so very scathingly "conventional medicine". For me, mainly, the conventions hold true.

Nor do I believe cosmetic surgery to be immoral, except perhaps when it is performed for no medical reason on teenage girls. However, the moral context of medicine cannot, and *should not, be denied*. The insistence that medical treatment is just one more commodity which we, as the consumers, have every right to buy regardless leads all too often to the misappliance of science.

Love or lust?

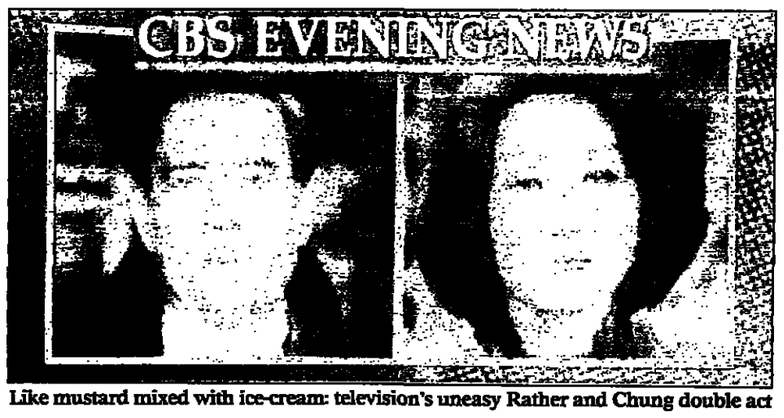
THERE IS a respectable and well-founded history of the clergy's interest in sex — and I don't refer here to the recent announcement of the very understanding bishop, but to a new interpretation of the *Song of Songs* in the form of a book, *Love's Fugue*, by one Mother Xavier McMonagle.

The *Song of Songs*, she insists, is not a hymn of praise either for Christ's love of the Church or for a man's worship of a woman's body, but a railing *against* the depravities of the flesh. And her book is to stand as a warning to women to avoid lust and seek true love.

I'm not sure that this is a warning women should heed. One just has to look around to see that most unhappiness is due precisely to the doomed quest for some perfect true love, and not at all to good old-fashioned promiscuity.

When newscasters are the headlines

Ben Macintyre on the million-dollar TV news rivalry of Dan Rather and Connie Chung



Like mustard mixed with ice-cream: television's uneasy Rather and Chung double act

What Britain knows as a newscaster, America calls an anchor*person*. The title is a telling one, for America has always regarded the men and women who relay the television news as oracles, figures of enormous prestige and unrivalled cultural clout who do not simply read an Autocue.

So when, as happened last weekend, one of the most celebrated doyennes of this mighty breed was unceremoniously dropped from one of the nation's most influential news programmes, the effect on the rest of the media was little short of spectacular.

The decision by the CBS television network to remove Connie Chung, after a calamitous two-year experiment in which she hosted *The CBS Evening News* with the veteran anchorman Dan Rather has been subjected to minute analysis from coast to coast.

Ms Chung, whose salary is estimated at $2 million (£1.27 million), has declined to accept a lesser role at CBS and will also lose her news magazine programme *Eye to Eye*.

Her ousting is partly a reflection of dwindling ratings at CBS, which has seen its evening news programme drop to third place behind ABC and NBC, but it also says *much about the way American* television has elevated the traditional "talking head" into a media potentate.

Mr Rather, 63, has cultivated a reputation as a reporter of the old school. Given to pontificating on the ethics of journalism, he is happiest when grilling a president or posing in flak jacket on the world's front lines. By contrast, Ms Chung, 48, stands for a more tabloid, personality-driven news style. CBS gambled that the combination would create a wider news appeal, and lost.

All smiles for the cameras and resolutely polite to one another on screen and off, the volatile chemistry between the two CBS anchorfolk was palpable every night as they sat uncomfortably, side by side.

Ms Chung has suggested that her dismissal reflects sexism on the part of male CBS executives. "In 1995, it's inappropriate for the only woman on the three major network news programmes to have anything less than a co-and equal status," she said in a statement. Mr Rather's response was characteristically pungent: "This has about as much to do with gender as mustard does with ice-cream."

In 1981 Mr Rather took over as CBS anchorman from Walter Cronkite, whose reporting on Vietnam did more than anything else to change the role of the US television anchorman from a reporter into an independent political force.

Mr Rather still insists "the purpose of any news operation is to serve the audience ... we do that by informing people, not by spending the better part of our energies worrying about our image". But the suggestion is somewhat disingenuous, coming from one who knows well enough that modern American newscasting has rather less to do with effective journalism than with approval ratings and acting ability.

Anchormen and women must now spin their careers and public appeal as astutely as any politician. Just before they finally chopped Ms Chung, CBS executives had planned excursions for their anchorwoman to Boston, Baltimore and San Diego with the specific intention of boosting her public image.

The stakes are massively high, and the rivalry blistering. Mr Rather earns $5 million a year; his rivals at ABC, Diane Sawyer, Ted Koppel and Peter Jennings, each earn $7 million. But more crucially, an anchor who is perceived to be unpopular can cost a network millions in advertising and ratings, as CBS has painfully discovered.

While he accepted without complaint his diminished role as co-host with Ms Chung in 1993, Mr Rather was reportedly enraged when he learnt his partner was planning to muscle in on election day coverage. Her career stuttered, most notably after an interview in which she persuaded the mother of House Speaker Newt Gingrich to describe Hillary Clinton as a "bitch".

The final blow came with the Oklahoma bombing. Mr Rather, on holiday in Texas at the time, offered to be at the site in 90 minutes and was incensed when Ms Chung was instead dispatched to the scene, where her questioning of rescue workers was considered "condescending".

Ms Chung later apologised on air, but not before locals had printed T-shirts with the legend "Go Home Connie".

Mr Rather knows what it feels like to be haunted by past mistakes, as George Bush reminded him during a blistering exchange over the Iran-Contra affair in 1988. Referring to an earlier occasion when Mr Rather had stormed out of the CBS television studio in a fit of pique, the then President snapped: "How would you like it if I judged your career by those seven minutes when you walked off the set?"

It was a salutary and depressing moment: a President and an interviewer exchanging barbs as if their careers were of equal importance.

Once, the American anchorman read the news. Gradually he came to influence the news. Increasingly, it seems, he is the news.



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Dr Thomas Stuttaford discusses the dangers of being grossly obese, and one woman's battle to lose some of her 37 stones

The fat lady whom nobody loves

"O FAT white woman whom nobody loves/Why do you walk through the fields in gloves. . ." are perhaps the most quoted lines of Frances Cornford (1886-1960). She claimed that her poem, *To A Fat Lady Seen From A Train*, was inspired by a stranger; few believed her, and it apparently caused great pain to one of her associates.

It is unlikely that Hazel, a 37½-stone woman, who was the subject of a recent Yorkshire Television documentary, has ever heard of Frances Cornford, but the isolation which her poem describes sums up Hazel's view of her life. Whereas Hazel's kindly husband, Keith, and her jolly young family hold her in high regard, she dislikes herself, is ashamed to be seen in public, and despises her compulsive eating.

The underlying physiological and psychological reasons for obesity are numerous and complex, but the immediate mechanism is that the patient is eating more than is necessary. People's food needs vary and some have a quality which, although rejected in humans, is considered desirable in livestock — they are good converters and put on weight readily. It is not unusual to see the occasional patient who gains weight on only 800 calories a day, but Hazel, as she is shoehorned into the family car en route to be weighed on the local scrapyard's weighbridge, makes no secret of her diet. She has been taking at least 9,000 to 11,000 calories daily, four times what a pick-wielding miner would need to keep trim.



Hazel is not alone in her troubles; one in seven British people, and one in four Americans, are clinically obese, that is to say, weigh 20 per cent more than is considered desirable by life insurance offices. The numbers are rising; in the past decade the number of obese women has increased by 25 per cent and men by 50 per cent.

Public attention, and money, is lavished on those whose eating disorder drives them to the brink of starvation, but obesity tends to be ignored. The number of NHS clinics dealing with it can be counted on the fingers of two hands, although it would be sound economics to study its causes and treat its sufferers. Obesity is associated with an increase in mortality from diabetes and cardiovascular disease, as well as some forms of cancer; it is estimated that its complications cost taxpayers £165 million a year.

Hazel is now so gross that her husband has had to stop working. She is unable to walk unaided, even to the lavatory. She is so heavy that her fat can no longer be contained within her skin, for although skin is elastic hers has been stretched to the point that it is tearing.

Diets, whether helped by appetite suppressants or not, tend to have a limited impact, and appetite suppressants themselves have only a very short-term role in weight control. Treatment needs to modify the patient's behaviour so as to remove the compulsion to eat more than is needed. Mild obesity can be treated at Weight Watchers or other lay self-help groups, but even moderate obesity needs medically supervised diets and behavioural therapy.

Gross obesity, like Hazel's, may require surgery, designed to reduce the capacity of the stomach to that of a large egg cup. Hazel has elected to have surgery, despite a 25 per cent mortality, mainly from anaesthetic risk, in somebody of her weight. Yorkshire TV will keep us posted on her progress.

A nasty blip in cancer research

Jeremy Laurance on the faulty report that nearly destroyed the Bristol Cancer Help Centre

In September 1990, a small centre in Bristol that offered alternative healing to cancer patients became the focus of world attention after doctors alleged that its methods were killing patients.

The Bristol Cancer Help Centre, which helped sufferers to tackle their disease with meditation, counselling, relaxation and a vegetarian diet, was the first in the world to submit its "alternative" methods to scientific study.

Researchers compared more than 800 patients with breast cancer and the results, published in *The Lancet*, suggested that those who supplemented their conventional treatment with therapy at Bristol were twice as likely to die as those who received conventional treatment alone.

The extraordinary findings seemed to make no sense. As Professor Clair Chilvers, head of the department of epidemiology at Nottingham University and chief author of the study, said at the time: "One can really hardly believe that counselling, laying-on of hands and things of that sort could make any difference."

Nevertheless, the study was published with a fanfare of publicity and received worldwide coverage in the media. At the launch press conference, observers noted a triumphalist tone as the gleeful researchers announced a spectacular victory over critics of conventional medicine.

But two months later the specialists unexpectedly recanted. Under fire from doctors backing the Bristol centre, and from the medical establishment — including Sir Walter Bodmer, director of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, which funded the study with the Cancer Research Campaign — they admitted that they had made a statistical error. In a letter to *The Lancet*, they revealed that the Bristol patients had more advanced disease and that is why they were more likely to die.

The damage, however, had already been done. In a documentary which examines the Bristol study and its aftermath, *The Cancer War Story*, to be broadcast on BBC2 tonight, Lynda McGilvray, a former patient at the centre, describes how she learnt of the original findings from the nine o'clock television news.

"It was just shock. My daughter was sitting there, she was 12 at the time, and she said 'That's where you went.' Next morning I woke to find her standing by my bed. She said 'They said you would die if you went to Bristol so I'm standing here waiting.'"

Five years on, the episode is regarded as one of the most embarrassing in medical research. The greatest damage was to public confidence. Tonight's film, broadcast as part of BBC2's *Taking Liberties* series, alleges that in their eagerness to attack the claims of alternative practitioners, the researchers rushed to publish a flawed paper that had been inadequately checked. It had tragic consequences. A few weeks after the letter correcting the findings appeared in *The Lancet*, Professor Tim McElwain, one of the researchers and a respected figure at the Royal Marsden Hospital, London, committed suicide. The editor of *The Lancet*, Dr Robin Fox, who retires this month, has confessed that he will go to his grave with the words "Bristol Cancer Help Centre" engraved on his heart. Although the study had been peer reviewed before publication, the journal had not then implemented the routine statistical review now in place.

In the film, Professor Karol Sikora, deputy director of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund and a long-time supporter of the Bristol centre, calls for the paper to be formally withdrawn. "It leaves a nasty blip on the whole field of research in complementary medicine."

Dr Richard Smith, editor of the *British Medical Journal*, says that the Bristol paper has done "really rather a lot of damage in how people perceive medical research". The triumphant tone in which the researchers launched their findings gave the impression that rather than behaving as disinterested scientists, they were motivated by hostility towards alternative medicine.

The explanation may lie in the polarised attitudes to cancer treatment in the 1980s. Grandiose claims were made for the Bristol centre's regime when it was launched 15 years ago by the energetic and charismatic Dr Alec Forbes. The Prince of Wales came down to open it, and a series of six programmes was made on its work by the BBC.

Cancer specialists worried that its unconventional treatments, such as coffee enemas and laetrile (an extract of apricot stones), were being given spurious authenticity. The centre's diet of raw vegetables and pulses caused near starvation in some desperately ill women. Some patients became disillusioned with the harsh regime and specialists who had to pick up the pieces were convinced the centre was adding to their suffering.

In this tense atmosphere the Bristol study was launched with the aim of settling the issue. However, by the time it reported, Bristol had modified its original programme with a less rigid diet and a less hectoring approach focused more on the quality of life than on cure.

Editors argue that medical journals publish many papers which turn out to be wrong. But the Bristol study is an exception because of the gravity of the original error, the magnitude of the claims made, and the suffering caused to the patients involved.

● *The Bristol Cancer Help Centre has launched a "Life Support" appeal. Donations to the centre at Grove House, Bristol BS8 4PG (01179 736226).*



A healer with a patient in the Bristol centre's chapel: did hostility towards alternative medicine prejudice the study?

The blight of brittle bones

Dr Kieran Sweeney on a disease that can put parents on trial

At the age of seven Henry remembers coming home from hospital with his leg once again in plaster, and seeing a photograph on his mother's mantelpiece — three aunts sunning themselves on a beach, each with an arm or leg in plaster. From that point on, he knew that his unusually brittle bones were inherited, and that he would have to be a more careful in the playground than hs peers.

Osteogenesis imperfecta or childhood brittle bones is a rare disease. Henry is the only sufferer I have seen as a GP. Fortunately for him, he had a mild form and it was recognised early. As a result he grew normally and became an active professional man. But the disease can be severe and difficult to diagnose.

Arie Augarden and his colleagues at the Chaim Sheba Medical Centre's paediatric department in Tel Aviv report in *The Journal of Medicine* how they recently admitted to their wards an eight-month-old girl with a fractured thigh. Routine chest X-ray also revealed an earlier rib fracture and child abuse was suspected. But the parents vigorously denied this.

When the baby was readmitted three months later with a new fracture of the right thigh, the paediatric team felt sure that her injuries were not accidental, and summoned the social workers.

The parents were saved by the appearance of their baby's first two teeth. They were transparent — a characteristic feature of one form of this brittle bone disease. Such teeth are frequently quite fragile and can erode or break with minimum trauma.

In the most severe form of osteogenesis imperfecta, multiple fractures occur actually in the womb and nearly half these babies are stillborn. In other cases the disease varies considerably both in its severity and symptoms. Diagnosis is easiest when there is a known family history. The key clinical signs are a bluish discoloration of the sclera (the fibrous coat of the eyeball), knock knees, flat feet, and extreme laxity of the ligaments, particularly in the hands. But, these characteristics may not necessarily be present: the baby which the team at Tel Aviv looked after had only bone thinning and distinctive teeth.

> Social workers quickly and falsely suspect adults of violence

It is sometimes possible to diagnose this condition before birth. Distinct X-ray appearances can show the bones are developing poorly. In other types of the disease, some intricate biochemical analyses can demonstrate an abnormal production of collagen, the tough fibrous protein which forms many connective tissues.

Children with brittle bones may develop back problems with scoliosis and deformities of the bones at fracture sites as they grow older. So the main aim of treatment is to prevent fractures and to ensure that if one occurs, great care is taken to align the site accurately.

Some treatments aimed at strengthening the bones, have been tried: calcium and calcitonum therapy, both of which are used to treat osteoporosis in the elderly people, have not been successful with these children.

Last year the *Forensic Science International Journal* carried a review of several cases of children who had been listed as victims of child abuse while alive, but in whom osteogenesis imperfecta was found at post mortem. Doctors at Tel Aviv now recommend that all children with repeated fractures have their teeth examined before the social workers are called.

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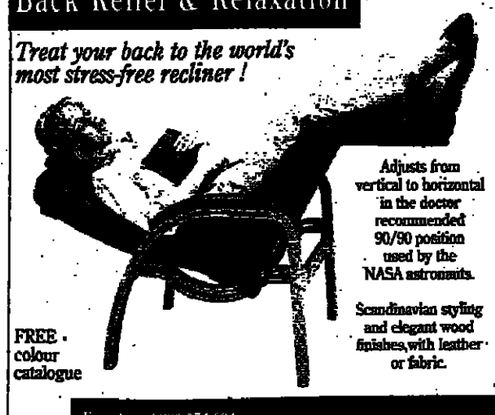
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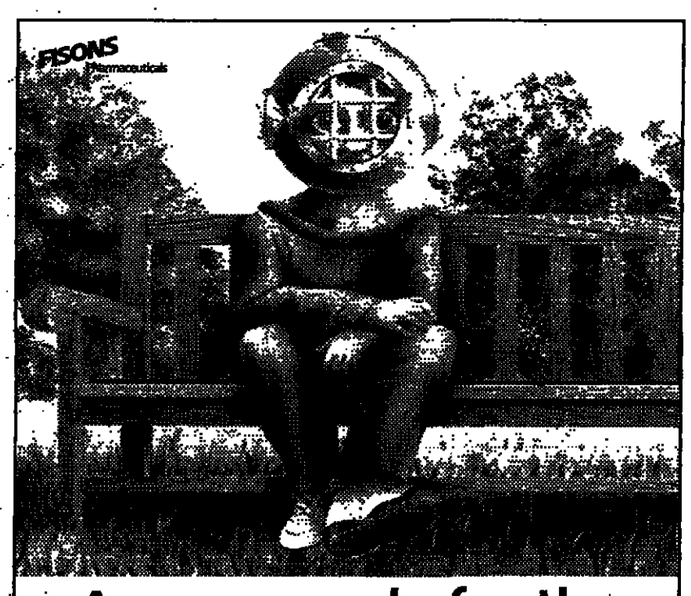
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Look for the Blair necessities

Labour has yet to learn about the free market, says **Tim Congdon**

Is new Labour different? Is the gap between the two main parties on the core issues of economic management now so small as to be imperceptible?

In the 14th Mais lecture, given yesterday at the City University, Mr Blair tried to commit Labour to financially responsible economic policies. In phrases which could have been uttered by Baroness Thatcher, he pledged that a Labour government would not sacrifice its inflation targets in order to stimulate short-term growth. For him, as for her, a non-inflationary macro-economic environment is "essential".

Mr Blair and Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, have been on a credibility offensive in the past fortnight, to persuade financial markets and others that public expenditure and the budget deficit will be kept under control if Labour wins the next election. Mr Brown has said that a Labour government would not borrow over a whole economic cycle, unless the borrowing were to finance capital expenditure. By so doing he has introduced a new principle, which he terms "the golden rule", to the debate on British macroeconomic policy.

Credibility is valuable, particularly for an incoming Labour government. Financial markets will be happier to hold the pound and gilt-edged securities if they believe the recent speeches by Mr Blair and Mr Brown, and it will also be easier for a new Labour government to boost expenditure and borrowing if the pound and gilt-edged market are strong. Paradoxically, therefore, a socialist government can be far more determinedly socialist if financial markets believe it to be cautious, trustworthy and sensible than if they regard it as risky, unreliable and misguided.

The term "golden rule" is an artful piece of marketing. It may convince a number of participants in financial markets, as well the majority of political commentators, that Labour is anxious to curb public debt. But a little historical investigation shows that application of the so-called "golden rule" could actually lead to a massive increase in public debt.

Since the early 1970s, government capital expenditure has been reduced sharply. Whereas in 1974 the ratio of government capital expenditure to national output was 7.3 per cent, last year it was only 3.4 per cent. Suppose that in 1996 (presumably the last year of the Conservative Government) public sector borrowing is £20 billion, or about 3 per cent of output. (This is pessimistic, but plausible.) Then, unless a newly elected Labour government were to curb current expenditure, it could boost capital expenditure as a share of output to the 1974 level, increase borrowing to 7 per cent of national output and still comply with the golden rule. A borrowing requirement of 7 per cent of national output would approach £50 billion — which in terms of actual money is not far from the highest-ever figure.

Messrs Brown and Blair would no doubt insist that this is not at all their intention. If elected, they genuinely would plan to stop unnecessary waste and do their utmost to ensure that public-sector projects gave value for money.

It is instructive to compare the recent statements from Mr Blair and Mr Brown with a speech by Nick Raynsford, the Shadow Minister for Housing, at the annual general meeting of the Warden Housing Association last month. Noting that the number of new rented houses is likely to be 20,000 this year, Mr Raynsford remarked that "most commentators recognise the need for a programme of around 100,000 new homes a year for social housing". Further, as the condition of the housing stock "gives cause for concern", many rented properties are "in urgent need of repair or modernisation".

If the cost of each new "social" home is put at £55,000, the public expenditure for the extra 80,000 homes implied by Mr Raynsford would be about £4.5 billion. With the additional refurbishment programme as well, the total bill could well be £6.5 billion a year, equivalent to 1 per cent of national output. Quite where Mr Raynsford obtains his figure of 100,000 new homes is unclear. Of course, the more "social" homes public subsidy provides, the lower the rents a private landlord can expect to receive and the less the incentive he has to build them.

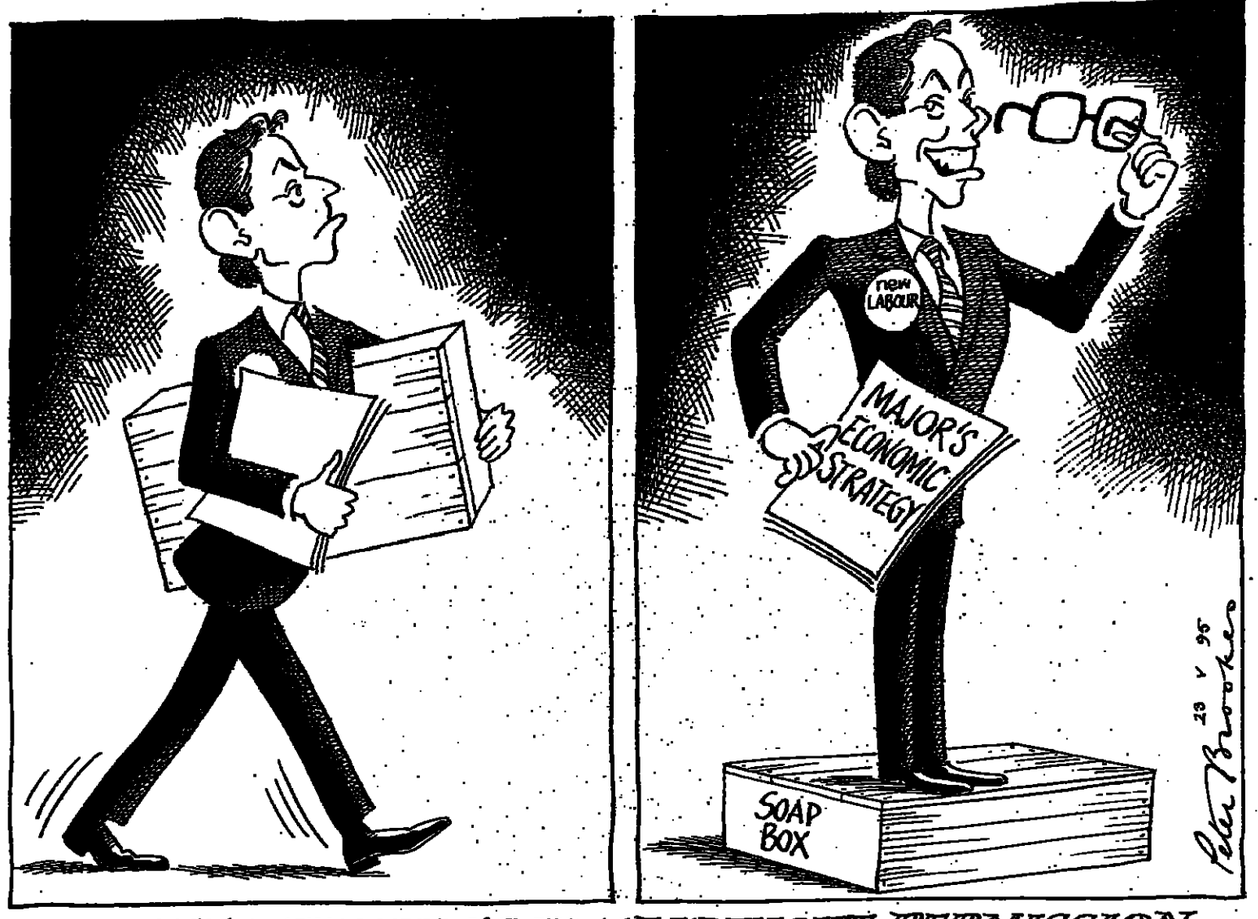
> Labour is still the party of subsidy and state control

Obviously "100,000" is a better slogan than 82,568 or 102,300 or whatever, and plainly it was this that determined the figure, not the careful and rigorous assessment of social costs and benefits promised by Mr Brown.

Mr Raynsford seems not to have understood that the main reason why private landlords will not build new houses, renovate old ones and rent them out is that he talks the way he does. If Mr Blair really does believe in the virtues of the market economy, he ought to tell the Shadow Minister for Housing about the meaning of supply and demand.

No, new Labour is not different. The Labour Party is still the party of subsidy, intervention and state control. There would be nothing new, special or wonderful about a future Labour government imposing financial restraints on itself. Both the last two Labour governments did this — though they asked the International Monetary Fund to keep the accounts and take the blame. Taxes, government expenditure and public debt would all be higher at the end of a Blair government than they would be if the British people vote for the Conservatives at the next general election.

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MP USES ANOTHER'S NAME WITHOUT PERMISSION

When the music stops

New music has lifted the spirits for centuries; now it depresses us. Why?

Bernard Levin

There's trouble ahead, I'm sorry to say. Actually, I'm not at all sorry, and indeed I have been waiting for this opportunity for a very long time. What I really meant was not that I was facing trouble — I am facing trouble practically all the time — but that the theoretical "sorry" applies not to me but to those I am about to displease. Suffice it to say, those who are to be displeased will be *very* displeased, and they will also be very numerous.

It all began with Felix Aprahamian, and if you don't know who Felix Aprahamian is (incredibly, *Who's Who* doesn't seem to know), you should be tarred and feathered, and don't think that because tar and feathers are expensive you are safe, because rancid lard is very cheap. For Felix is not only a most delightful fellow, bearded like the pard and with a waistline that has often been mistaken for the *QE2* sailing sideways, but a man who knows more about music than a hundred other experts in the subject. And what is more, the hundred experts themselves bow to Felix.

Now then; what bottle has Felix uncorked to cause a shocking disturbance? Attend: he was asked a question, and — Felix being a most courteous person — he gave the answer. The question was: "Will the music of Peter Maxwell-Davies and Harrison Birtwistle last?" And Felix, who would allow himself to be locked up for ever with Max Reger rather than tell a musical lie, answered: "Frankly, no."

Felix is right, of course, but that is hardly worth pointing out. Moreover, the questioner should have added a considerably greater number of composers to the list, starting with Hans Werner Henze, who could put an entire opera house to sleep two and a half minutes through the overture. (What do I say, *could*? Does, invariably.) Indeed, I have frequently thought of organising an annual competition for the most boring composer alive, but I have always had to reject the idea when I realise that Stockhausen would invariably carry off the prize.

Now let me be slightly serious for a moment: I shall be much more serious later. We must not, in running from the room with our hands over our ears, make the mistake — and a very serious mistake it would be — of treating the new music as though it is a hoax, merely because it is perfectly dreadful to the ear, and even more to the soul. Whatever Birtwistle, Maxwell-Davies, Henze, Stockhausen, Boulez and the rest are, they are *not* charlatans. True, the sounds they mostly make are sufficiently weird to have many a passer-by running for a vet, but that is how they hear it, and they are entitled to it. (As for us, we are entitled to leave hastily, sometimes so hastily that we leave our umbrellas behind.)

But from Felix's sad answer there grows something much more important than whether the sounds Henze makes are worse than the ones that Boulez makes or *vice versa*. I have something to say which encompasses not just the argument that Felix has aroused, but something far more tremendous. Tremendous? Yes, tremendous, and colossal as well, though I can put it in a question that needs only three words: Has music stopped?

At first, the idea of music stopping sounds absurd, indeed incomprehensible. Let me then make clear what I mean. Has there been anyone since Shostakovich and Britten of whom we can say *with certainty* that his or her music will be played, regularly and throughout the world, a hundred years and more into the future?

Come, no cheating, no coteries, no getting your favourite onto the ladder; we are talking about immortality, the most fragile thing in the universe. And we are talking, also, about music, the most inexplicable thing in the universe. I say that on the hundred years test, no one in this country can be *certain* of a place.

Now don't get up screaming that Plötzlich is far better than Beethoven, and don't burst into hysterical laughter when it is seen that there is no place for Schmok. Both of these are no doubt loved by many, but a century is a very long time, so long that both Maxwell-Davies and Birtwistle will be seen off before it ends.

But I have not come here to rubbish anybody's favourite composer; I am here to point out that once upon a time — and a time not so long ago — great music was being made, music that all could and did listen to. And I tell you, because you cannot deny it, that that has ceased to be. Why?

Felix did not cheat: he picked for his ladder the best that there is today: Maxwell-Davies and Birtwistle. And, because he is an honest man, he spoke the truth when he said that the two best will not endure.

And I ask again, why?

There are some obvious answers; new music puzzles the public, but so it did many years ago. Did not that famous scoffer in the gallery cry out "I'd give another florin if the thing would stop?" And was he not, that scoffer, listening to Beethoven's most recent quartet? But I bet that the scoffer, even if he demanded his money back first time, came back very soon and then understood.

It is not enough for us to say that today's music is too difficult for today's listener; if you will allow me to murmur the word Wagner, I will tell you that very many Wagner-lovers took a considerable time to understand what they were listening to. We grumble at the standard repertoire — Beethoven, Bach, Mozart, Schubert, Brahms, Wagner, Haydn — coming round again and again; but in our innermost hearts we are praying that it won't be Maxwell-Davies and Birtwistle. Anyway, have *you*, dear reader, carefully studied all one hundred and four Haydn symphonies (yes, I know that one of them is not authentic), and if you have, there are some seventy string quartets that you might attend to.

How can genius die out? You might as well ask how genius is born. Come to think of it, the novel hasn't quite died out. No doubt Dickens wrote very great ones, and Tolstoy even greater, but have you read *Earthly Powers*? Some say that music as we knew it has died because an entirely new genre — the musical — has appeared and pushed it out. But, try as I can, I cannot conjure up a world where Schubert has disappeared and been replaced by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

My own amateur version is not that the new music is beyond our understanding, but that it is wholly introverted. There are too many composers who write for themselves alone, not necessarily *pour épater les bourgeois*, and if you ask why, they will probably be at a loss to answer. But in any case, the idea of music hidden because the world might misinterpret it is beyond my understanding, and I imagine yours as well.

I dare say that there have been lulls in genius, times in which that it seemed music had dried up. Perhaps in other times the music-lovers have wrung their hands in the belief that the end has come, but one look at the musical calendar shows that that is false; there have been such times of musical drought between the floods, *but the drought has never gone on so long as this.*

Now I must be totally selfish: even with Felix wagging a finger at me, I look around for what I want, and I do not want what the present tells me I must have. I have been patient, very patient, but now I have lost my patience. I can and shall live without the new music, because I have the old music always at my elbow. Birtwistle and Maxwell-Davies are undoubtedly men of integrity, and their music has been carved out from their hearts and minds and bodies. But if you ask me what it sounds like, I shall have to tell you straight out: it sounds to me like the most awful, ghastly, hideous, revolting, pointless, dreary bilge that I ever did hear and pray heaven will never hear again.

Yes, yes, I know what is now coming. It is: Levin is an ignoramus. Levin sneers at genius, Levin is not fit to enter Covent Garden or the Royal Festival Hall, Levin should be buried under a pile of semi-quavers, Levin must repent or be cast out into the infinite darkness.

But Levin has put on a false beard and moustache, Levin has practised a false limp, Levin has bribed the doorkeepers of all the music places in the land, and Levin thumbs his nose and forever wallows gloriously in Beethoven, Bach, Mozart, Schubert, Brahms, Haydn and a double portion of Wagner, so there. And on top of all that, Felix is right.

Thatcher does back, Major

Woodrow Wyatt says Labour must never be let in

Baroness Thatcher is not of the Tory defeatist school which believes that the Conservatives cannot win the next election and that a brief spell out of office would be good for them, refreshing their jaded brains and energies. She knows that if Labour won it would almost certainly be in power for eight to ten years. In their first term the prosperity inherited from the Tories would continue to rise, enabling Labour to sow the seeds of economic calamity without the ill effects being immediately noticeable or painful. Labour would get a second term, as every post-war government has except Ted Heath's in 1974. By the time the Tories won again, irreparable damage would have been done to modern capitalist Britain, setting us back perhaps as much as 30 years.

Tony Blair's "new" Labour Party is still socialist at heart, however much it seems to imitate Tory policies. That is why Labour is so anxious to do Brussels' bidding — accepting EU majority voting in most important issues; ending our social chapter opt-out, adopting a minimum wage, joining a single currency, reducing Parliament to county council status. Encroaching Brussels bureaucracy is its beloved back-door socialism.

Labour believes in the decline of Britain as a world power, and already Robin Cook, its Shadow Foreign Secretary, has said we cannot expect to keep our permanent seat on the UN Security Council. Labour sees our future as a small cog with a minor part in the giant EU machine. Our centuries-old history of unfettered trade across the seas and our long partnership with America are to be as nothing to the imaginary advantages of a joint trading and foreign policy with our European associates, leading to "ever closer political union" as stated in the preambles to all the treaties we have signed, even when Mrs Thatcher was the signatory.

Now Lady Thatcher is well aware that John Major's majority relies on persuading tiresome Tory MP malcontents not to commit hari-kari, and on convincing Northern Ireland Unionists that permanent peace will be secured without Ulster submitting to Dublin's control. She reads the opinion polls showing the enormous Labour lead, which cannot be surmounted if the voters worry that the Tories are crippled by irrelevant internecine strife. She regards John Major as the best leader available, and would think it fatal to challenge him; he might lose to someone of whom she would think the opposite. So why does she appear to undermine him, though all her instincts tell her how vital it is to the country that he win the next election?

Some prime ministers and leaders have criticised or hampered their successors, although it is unusual. Attlee, Churchill, Baldwin never did. But Macmillan, who bitterly wished he could reverse his own resignation, hurtfully sneered at Mrs Thatcher's privatising as "selling the family silver". Mrs Thatcher was a 16-hours-a-day, hands-on Prime Minister. Magnificently, she pulled Britain up by the bootstraps, restored our pride and put us back to nearly the place at the world's top table Churchill once occupied. With unremitting energy, she fought through reforms in industry, in trade unions, home ownership and taxation which had been thought impossible. She was cruelly deposed by cowardly Tory MPs who feared that her temporary unpopularity would lose them their seats, though she was fast recovering in the polls and would have won as before.

She was at the peak of her powers, and could not reconcile herself to being unable to exercise them any longer. To all great and still active prime ministers, loss of office is an excruciating wound. Like others before her, she turned to writing her memoirs, but as the preacher remarked in the last chapter of Ecclesiastes, "Of making many books there is no end: And much study is a weariness of the flesh". It is not that she disagrees with what Mr Major is trying to do, but that she cannot help saying to herself — and sometimes aloud — "I would have done it my way and done it better."

But it is pointless now to argue who did what and why about joining the ERM and whether we went in at the right exchange rate. Or whether we stayed in the ERM too long and how much good or harm it did us. Or why we signed the Maastricht treaty, which I am sure Lady Thatcher would have done too, however reluctantly, while gaining similar concessions. Dwelling on such comparative trivialities depreciates her own prowess. The thrust of her administration has been maintained, and her principal victories are irreversible. There was a world recession, which Britain alone could not prevent. But because of what she built, we came out of it first with a leaner, more efficient industry and business than ever, and now lead Europe in mounting prosperity, falling unemployment and sustainable growth without inflation.

I am confident that when the election campaign begins in earnest, Lady Thatcher will be rooting for Mr Major and urging the Tory troops to rally behind the leader she chose.

Conran shock

SIR TERENCE CONRAN was at the centre of a controversy over undergarments yesterday at the Chelsea Flower Show, where he has designed a 1945 Victory Garden for the Imperial War Museum. He was caught washing his smalls late on Sunday evening in a neighbour's garden pond.

The underwear in question, a pair of silk Michael Winner-sized pants, are the first to have been displayed at Chelsea, which opens to the public today. They hang on a line in Conran's garden, alongside a black, woollen "utility" pair admired by Norma Major when she visited the garden yesterday.

"I thought I would give them a quick wash to get out the creases before I hung them up — they had been folded away for so long," said Conran. The pond that he used is the centrepiece of *Country Living* magazine's garden. The editor, Francine Lawrence, remonstrated with him. "I went straight up to him and said: 'I hear you have been washing your drawers in my pond'. He was blatantly unabashed — it's clearly something he has done before. His neighbours should beware."

Conran, meanwhile, was preoccupied with his VIP guest. Waiting by the marrow-covered Anderson shelter in his garden for Norma to arrive, he said: "I think that will be absolutely the right place for her. I hope she brings her husband."



Sir Terence, with underwear from Britain's finest hour

THE TIMES DIARY

Truncated

THE DISTINGUISHED astronomer Patrick Moore turned out at Chelsea to support the Alzheimer's Disease Society and its display, "A Garden of Memories". It was his first visit to the show, and most probably his last.

"I feel strongly about Alzheimer's, but gardening is not my thing," he explained. "I once had a very stately tree in my garden. It obscured Jupiter, so very quickly it became a stump."

Off pat

PATSY KENSIT, in Cannes for the screening of her latest film, *Angels and Insects*, has proved herself a big draw for frustrated moths. A scene in the movie required moths to swarm around her. But this proved difficult, as they don't swarm but fly in straight lines.

The BBC's natural history team found a solution. "To solve the problem, Ms Kensit's dress was impregnated with female sex hormones, drawing a cluster of carefully selected sex-starved moths to her," says an expert.

Nomenklatura

HER LADYSHIP'S decision to pour scorn on John Major's leadership has presented politicians with a problem of etiquette. When responding to her polemic in the media, what should they call the former Prime Minister?

Kenneth Clarke always refers to her as "Margaret". Major opts for the more formal "Lady Thatcher". Those on the Europhile wing tend to stick to a sharply articulated "She" — as if comparing her to Rider Haggard's fictional goddess who considered herself immortal. But most illuminating perhaps is the mode of address chosen by her arch-enemy, Michael Heseltine. Ignoring her peerage, he repeatedly calls her "Mrs Thatcher".

Order, order

FOR A Cabinet minister it would have been a fate worse than death — delivering a major speech to an empty Parliament while the national team was playing the opening game of the Rugby World Cup just a few miles away.

South Africa's Education Minister, Sibusiso Bhengu, tried his best to swap his Thursday slot with other ministers, but there were no takers. As it turns out, he need not have worried. Parliament's rugby-lovers succeeded in having the Thursday afternoon session scrapped altogether.

Spirit of pain

ROLLS-ROYCE has invited the honky-tonk pianist Russ Conway, whose left thumb was nearly severed in March, when the door of his Roller slammed on it, to spend the day at the company factory in Crewe, seeing how Rolls-Royce doors are made. Conway, aged 69, whose hits included *Sidesaddle*, *Roulette* and *China Tea*, was told that if his car had been new, it would have been severed completely. As it was, surgeons managed to save it.



● *Stevie Wonder, who played at the Albert Hall last night, revealed his one overwhelming ambition. The blind pop star wants to drive a car. "I will go out somewhere into the desert where I'm not going to hurt anybody. I want to be talking to my honey on the phone and driving."*

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BATTLE TO COMPETE

Heseltine's measures may be worthy but will not impress

To judge by the speeches delivered yesterday by Tony Blair and Michael Heseltine, the battle of economic ideas before the next general election will not be over the lush political pastures of taxes, interest rates and public spending: instead it will cover such barren and unfamiliar territory as business training levies, export credit guarantees and temporary rebate arrangements for national insurance. The consensus on the big macroeconomic issues should suit Mr Blair. He can only benefit if attention is deflected from the core issues of taxes, inflation and fiscal crises which largely account for the public's residual fears about Labour.

For his own part, the President of the Board of Trade, in presenting his Competitiveness White Paper, was reluctant to draw any connection between the dramatic improvement in Britain's manufacturing and export performance and the equally dramatic shift in macroeconomic policy that occurred when the Government left the ERM. There is little doubt, however, on this score among most of the businessmen at "the sharp end" of British exporting, to use a favorite Heseltine phrase.

The fall in the pound and the easing of interest rates since 1992 has had much more to do with the marked improvement in manufacturing industry's business prospects and in the outlook for British trade, investment and employment than all of the 300 "competitiveness commitments" made in last year's White Paper. According to the President's proud boast, the Government has started to make good on some 297 of these 300 promises. The trouble is that nobody, even in the business community, seems to remember what most of them were about.

In most cases, Mr Heseltine's promises involved Government inaction rather than action. With the exception of the growing emphasis on science and technology policies at Cabinet office level, deregulation and consultation were the main themes of the first competitiveness White Paper. Yesterday's effort continued in the same vein. On the idea of education and training credits, Mr Heseltine promised a consultation paper. On public spending and procurement, he promised even greater emphasis on open tendering and contracting out to the private sector. On industrial investment, he expressed confidence that the private sector would make the right decisions as long as it was freed from red tape.

In principle Mr Heseltine's *laissez faire* approach has much to commend it. But it is unlikely to inspire businessmen's animal spirits. The Government, as evidenced by yesterday's debate on the White Paper in parliament, seems reluctant to embrace the one type of deregulation with genuine popular appeal — a serious campaign against the over-zealous enforcement of regulations by its own officials.

In any battle between rival industrial shopping lists, victory is unlikely to go to Mr Heseltine's strange combination of hyperactive interventionist rhetoric and *laissez faire* reality — not when so much of his deregulation is apparently aimed at undoing the meddling of 16 years of Tory government and when the alternative is the sort of modest and inexpensive action on training, long-term unemployment and financial reform proposed by Mr Blair yesterday.

The reality of a Labour Government might, of course, be very different. But as long as Mr Heseltine and other Ministers refuse to acknowledge the true reason for the present economic resurgence — the more sensible monetary policies followed by the Government since it broke its European shackles in 1992 — voters and businessmen alike will believe that economic policy in Britain is now a contest between Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee.

WEDDED TO CONFLICT

Sleeping with the enemy is no bar to professionalism

The gloves are off at the Transport and General Workers' Union, where Bill Morris has enlivened the leadership battle by attacking his moderate rival, Jack Dromey, husband of the Shadow Employment Secretary Harriet Harman, on the grounds that if Mr Dromey won, the union's policies would be "carved up over the dinner table".

The prospect of an Employment Secretary being married to a trade union leader, however tame, has a certain piquancy. So far, most politicians with spouses in a related career have endeavoured to avoid clashes which might call forth echoes of Romeo and Juliet: "wedded to calamity" because of their other loyalties. The wife of the Shadow Home Secretary, Jack Straw, is a senior Treasury official. While he has had an eclectic mix of shadow portfolios, Mr Straw has stayed clear of areas directly affected by her job. The husband of Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, is a former comprehensive school teacher and member of the National Union of Teachers, although he was retired by the time she took the job.

The implications of sleeping with the enemy have always excited the public's curiosity. In the 1949 film *Adam's Rib*, Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn played a married couple acting as opposing attorneys in a murder case. Ten years ago, a California court allowed an appeal in an assault case based on the defendant's complaint that his lawyer and the prosecution counsel had enjoyed "an ongoing dating relationship" during the trial.

But the increase in high-flying women — one in five now earn more than their husbands — combined with a social shift which means that more professional people meet their spouse through work than anywhere else, indicates that many more couples will in future have jobs in which there is an element of mutual competition.

The question is whether this in itself constitutes a conflict of interest. So far, the anecdotal evidence suggests that most couples are not only capable of separating their work from their home life, but that they prefer to do so, for the sake of both their relationship and their work.

Since the incursion of women into the citadels of high finance in the 1980s, husbands and wives have occasionally found themselves working for conflicting parties in takeover bids. In journalism and advertising, the high "poaching" rate makes it common for a couple who have met in one place of work to end up employed by competing organisations.

In the fiercely divided world of Washington politics, Mary Matalin and James Carville managed to make it to the altar despite his job running Bill Clinton's 1992 election campaign and hers on George Bush's strategy team. They expect to be fighting their corners once again in 1996.

Mr Morris's outburst shows, not for the first time, that his thinking is trapped in an outdated understanding of the workplace. It ill behoves a union which prides itself on its equal opportunity policies to add to the burden of working women the worry that they may have to answer for the effect of their relationships on their performance.

There are still many questions to be answered about the relationship between the unions and the Labour Party. What Jack Dromey and Harriet Harman discuss at dinner, however, is not one of them.

THE ABILITY ACT

Twenty-five years on: a day to mark a great Act of Parliament

Today the House of Commons will pay tribute to a path-breaking Private Member's Act that has brought benefit to millions of Britons and respectful imitation from around the world. In the 25 years since the passage of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act, one or other section of it has been used by disabled people an estimated 12 million times. The Act has set a pattern for the social integration of thousands with permanent handicaps which has become a model for other countries.

Alf Morris, the Labour MP who was the father of the Act and became the world's first Minister for Disabled People in Harold Wilson's 1974 Government, can take justifiable pride in what has been achieved. More important, however, than the additional allowances, the obligations laid on local authorities and the proper provision of hospital care for the chronically sick — all of which were boosted by the Act's broad scope — has been the change in social attitudes.

It is now generally recognised that physical handicap must not be a barrier to a full life. As far as possible, the aim of all legislation, healthcare and architectural modification should be independence for those suffering disability. If there is a common thread uniting children with special needs, young people in long-stay hospitals, older people in geriatric wards and people limited by disease or accident, it is a determination not to be institutionalised.

Not all changes have come about by benign enlightenment. The Disability Discrimination Bill, making it unlawful to discriminate against the handicapped, has seen almost two years of argument over the definition of disability and the scope of the proposed design and transport modifications now required to accommodate the disabled. By accepting the spirit of Labour amendments, the Government now hopes to create bipartisan support for the Bill, which came up for its second Lords reading yesterday. But the campaign for its passage has encouraged militancy among some.

America has gone further than Britain in insisting on ramps, lifts and special provision; empowered by similar legislation, American disabled groups have been quick to sue employers and Government for discrimination. Billions of dollars have been spent modifying federal government facilities. But this has been at the cost of an angry backlash. The hugely expensive provision for the disabled is cited as a reason for the soaring cost of government; architects have despaired of the more extravagent demands; and some local authorities have had to close public amenities rather than face lawsuits over the failure to adapt them.

In Britain, the atmosphere is less confrontational. It may take years before the London Underground is adapted to take wheelchairs. Some campaigners believe a more aggressive approach would bring quicker results. But litigation rarely wins friends or changes perceptions. More effective than lawsuits is good legislation. The 1970 Act set a shining example.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Stormy take-off for Terminal 5

From Mr Peter Cuming

Sir, Commendably, your four-page feature (May 16) marking the start of the Heathrow Terminal 5 inquiry, contained probably enough information for the inspector, Mr Roy Vandermeer, QC, to reach his conclusions now.

As one who, when an inspector, occasionally had the pleasure of being addressed by him, I have no reason to question his abilities. I just marvel at his anticipated powers of endurance. Planning laws that lead to three years and £10 million being spent evaluating a planning application are a seriously flawed method of dealing with policy.

Any administration faced with the issues of T5 cannot possibly risk jeopardising the role of Heathrow as the international global aviation hub. It is axiomatic that if Britain wants to keep its airports' first-division position Mr Vandermeer can only recommend approval.

After the 1998 expected approval of T5, ministers will face the next aviation hurdle of runway capacity. By then, the error of the recent failure to approve a planning application for reliever runway capacity for Gatwick will be all too apparent.

Your correspondent, Chris Lockwood, rightly draws our attention to government's omissions in making a "key decision" over South East runway issues. In my view, any incoming government will have to treat South East runway provision as a matter of great urgency fully on a par with the T5 issue.

Yours faithfully,
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May 17.

From Councillor Barbara Reid

Sir, It is beyond my comprehension how the six senior businessmen who wrote to you (letter, May 16) in support of Terminal 5 can believe that a development that calls for at least 40,000 more flights a year, at least 30 million more passengers a year and the daily filling of an additional 13,000 car parking spaces will not result in more noise, more pollution and more traffic congestion. It defies all logic that such an increase in traffic would not ultimately result in pressure for a third runway, more night flights and greater road capacity.

The additional jobs your correspondents refer to are the applicant's (BAA) figures and are therefore not a little subjective. However, as businessmen they know that the creation of jobs is not in itself justification for granting planning permission and that economic factors are always balanced by the environmental impact on local residents.

Yours faithfully,
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May 17.

From Mr A. J. Lucking

Sir, I believe that Sir Rocco Forte and others understate the employment case for Terminal 5. As well as the 16,500 jobs at the airport, many more will be preserved and created in companies dependent on air transport. And between February 1990 and March 1994, unemployment within 15 miles of Heathrow rose from 86,000 to 231,000. Unemployment, underemployment and job anxieties amongst the over-40s are our worst national problem and certainly dwarf 15 per cent more aircraft and perhaps as few as 5 per cent more cars around the airport.

Heathrow is the nation's business airport, and arguably the most important place in Britain. The business share of the traffic is forecast to rise to 53 per cent, with half the remainder foreign tourists. So the popular concept of air transport — holiday charabancs with wings that upset the local residents — is wrong in the case of Heathrow. And I wonder if the political axiom, that the environmentalists' vote for one side, and the unemployed for the other, is still valid.

Yours faithfully,
A. J. LUCKING,
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May 16.

From Mr Roy Newson

Sir, Reports of the T5 inquiry opening have inferred a battle between those anti the terminal (local residents) and those pro (airport employees). This over-simplification ignores the fact that employees are also residents of the area and opinion poll evidence suggests that a majority of residents support T5, especially if specific concerns are met.

As a local resident I live under the westerly landing flightpath and have done for 18 years. I consider the proposed T5 to be a major achievement of design and environmental engineering, one of which we will eventually all be proud.

The opponents of T5 concentrate much of their case on what was or wasn't said or promised when T4 was proposed. The truth is that having had T4 in existence for some time now we can see all those dismal prophecies of accidents, transport saturation and pollution have not come to pass.

Yours faithfully,
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May 18.

Eliminating 'ambushes' in court

From Mr Michael Bromley-Martin

Sir, "So there will be no more dramatic ambushes which render the whole prosecution effort a waste of time", writes Janet Daley (May 18) on the Home Secretary's recommendation that an outline of the defence be made known to the prosecution before trial. This is nonsense. Mrs Daley shouldn't believe that what happens in Perry Mason happens in real life.

In 15 years as both a prosecuting and defending barrister I have never been in a case where either I was "ambushed" by the defence with a last-minute witness, nor, sadly, one where I was able to "ambush" the prosecution in the same way.

The suggestion that "ambushing" is widespread is no more than a cloak to disguise the fact that the Government believes that there should be a shift in the balance in criminal trials away from the defence and towards the prosecution. I make no comment on the rectitude of that policy, but it has got nothing to do with "ambushing".

Mrs Daley alleges that "lawyers now behave as if any trick were permissible" and that "the use of illegitimate means to protect the guilty is bringing our judicial system into disrepute". She should know that there are judges who sit in criminal courts, one of whose purposes is to identify trickery and illegitimacy. If a defence barrister "deliberately causes the abandonment of prosecutions by demanding the identification of police informants" it is because a judge has ruled that justice cannot be done without that disclosure.

The rules are not made by barristers, nor, almost universally, are they broken by them. French lawyers, whose system of criminal justice Mrs Daley would apparently like to see adopted here, are, we understand, keen to adopt ours.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Robin Grey, QC

Sir, As one of those "crime-specialist" barristers who have recently received a battering from the press, with a pathetic response from the Bar, I was extremely refreshed to read Janet Daley's article today. She puts her finger on the real problems in our criminal justice system and criticises with independence of mind, fairness, great economy of language and, above all, intelligence.

Thank you for restoring my blood pressure to normal.

Yours faithfully,
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May 18.

From Mr Christopher Green

Sir, The Home Secretary has pushed the criminal trial closer to darkness with his proposal to limit, yet further, the duty of the Crown to disclose information to the defence. Thus the defence might be denied the opportunity to search unused prosecution material for evidence which could assist the accused.

We must take it that those who advise him, and, who understand the criminal justice system, will have told him that open justice demands full disclosure. I expect that the Home Secretary himself comprehends that equal access to evidence and any other material in the hands of the Crown, does no more than place the prosecution and the defence on an equal footing; full disclosure by the Crown does not give the defence any advantage.

We would also take it that Michael Howard has not forgotten that most of the recent and notorious miscarriages of justice which led to the setting up of the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice which reported in 1993 were brought about, wholly, or, in part, by a failure on the part of the Crown to disclose material to the defence.

I expect members of the public will reckon that it had not escaped Michael Howard's notice that his announcement of this potential disadvantage for the accused was made even as the Police Federation met in conference.

Unhappily, the public may be less certain that he is guided by a determination to ensure fairness in the criminal trial.

Yours sincerely,
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May 18.

Population issues

From Lord Vernon

Sir, David Alton, MP (letter, May 9), berates the Duke of Edinburgh for his attitude towards family size limitation, and goes on to suggest that poverty, not family size, is the cause of the present population crisis.

If a very poor country is doubling its population in 24 years (Burundi and Bolivia) or 29 years (Bangladesh), to give only a few examples from 1994 published statistics, any economic benefits which may be achieved by a government are more than swallowed up by the additional mouths which have to be fed.

The "contraceptive activists", as Mr Alton calls them, in Bangladesh are bringing in their wake smaller families which are healthier, happier and less hungry; and in the longer term, huge environmental benefits will follow.

The Duke of Edinburgh, by pointing to the dangers of over-population and the importance of limiting family size, has given an outstanding lead to those of us who care about the future of our planet. We should all be very grateful to him.

Yours faithfully,
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May 11.

From Mr Robert Whelan

Sir, There seems to be an underlying assumption that groups and individuals professionally involved in the promotion of population programmes are in favour of allowing Third World women to decide on their family size, whilst those opposing them are not. In fact, the opposite assumption would be nearer the mark.

Third World parents are coerced by many instruments, including the manipulation of welfare and tax benefits, by making jobs and housing in the public sector dependent on small family size, by the use of subsidised food or job training programmes for those who comply with the population programme, and so on.

The true feelings of the professional population lobbyists regarding reproductive freedom are revealed by their neglect of one of the most severe gynaecological problems in many developing countries — infertility. The dilemma which many women, particularly in Africa, face is not too many children, but too few.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT WHELAN,
13 Norfolk House,
Courtlands, Sheen Road,
Richmond, Surrey.
May 13.

From Mr John Davies

Sir, David Alton argues that a study of Irish history proves that family size reduces with prosperity. I suppose, by that token, the same could be said of, say, Spain and Italy. Is he suggesting that self-control increases with prosperity?

David Alton and the Vatican must one day surely accept that huge numbers of Roman Catholics use artificial means of birth control.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN DAVIES,
54 Cheddar Close, Eston, Cleveland.

Universities league

From Mr Edwin Bowater

Sir, I read with interest that Cambridge still leads *The Times* university league table ("Cambridge still top — by a whisker", May 19). Last year I spent approximately eight months attempting to gain a postgraduate placement at a German university, but was eventually turned down on the basis that the Cambridge degree was, in their opinion, "only equivalent to a German polytechnic degree".

Is this an indication of Britain's falling standards with respect to mainland Europe? Or is it another example of Britain's failure to carry any influence within Europe (Alan Clark's letter, May 19)? Considering the wealth of bureaucracy involved during this eight-month ordeal and the lack of support from any British institution, I am convinced of the latter.

Yours faithfully,
EDWIN BOWATER,
11 Claremont Road, Claygate, Surrey.
May 19.

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Role of security guards

From Mr Roland Moyle

Sir, I note that the Police Federation (report, May 17) is worried, along with the Association of Chief Police Officers, that for budgetary reasons a growing area of our country may be policed by private security guards. Even assuming that these security guards are as efficient as the regular police which they replace (which is unlikely since they are to provide a cut-price service; if they did not they would not be there) there is one argument against their employment which does not seem to have been aired.

The British system depends largely on police relations with the public. If a layer of private security guards is inserted between the regular police and the public they will be denied many opportunities to build up public goodwill and also opportunities to acquire information on which much of their success relies.

There is thus a grave risk that beat patrolling by private security guards and companies will lead to the overall decline in policing standards.

Yours faithfully,
ROLAND MOYLE
(Deputy Chairman, Police Complaints Authority, 1985-91),
19 Montpelier Row, Blackheath, SE3.
May 17.

Poverty and the Jobseekers Bill

From the Chief Executive of the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux

Sir, Tuesday, May 23, is the last chance for peers to amend the Government's controversial Jobseekers Bill before it becomes law. Last week's announcement (report, May 17) of a six-month delay in implementing large parts of the Bill betrays, in my view, a degree of official nervousness about its likely impact rather than simply concern over computer programs. This is hardly surprising when some unemployed people will be left penniless for up to six months as a result of failing the tough new tests that will become a condition of receiving benefit under this legislation.

Citizens Advice Bureaux already see daily the hardship experienced by people forced to live on a greatly reduced income under current benefit sanctions. In one case a young woman was struggling to survive on £10.50 a week and had not eaten for four days when she visited the CAB. She could not afford to use the electricity in her flat. She had a summons for poll tax arrears and said that if she went to prison she would at least be warm and fed for a few weeks.

Under jobseeker plans, around 145,000 people a year, who previously would have been entitled to means-tested benefit at a reduced rate, will have to rely on discretionary hardship payments. Healthy, single people and childless couples will not even have access to these for the first two weeks. The most vulnerable claimants — pregnant women, those with children, and sick and disabled people — will have to plead their case. Current estimates suggest that more than half of those who apply for hardship payments will be refused.

A penalty which forces unemployed people to exist on the verge of destitution for up to six months is not only inhumane, and out of all proportion to the offence they are supposed to have committed, it does nothing to help them into work. Peers have already demonstrated deep concern about the Bill. On Tuesday they have the opportunity to maintain the basic protection against destitution enshrined in our social security system.

Yours faithfully,
ANN ABRAHAM,
Chief Executive,
Citizens Advice Bureaux,
Myddelton House,
115-123 Pentonville Road, N1.
May 22.

What is a song?

From Mr Anthony L. Petitt

Sir, Even that strangest of competitions, the Eurovision Song Contest, must have rules as to the eligibility of the "songs" entered, and it would be interesting to know what they are after the victory of Norway on May 13.

On timing the re-run at the conclusion of the contest I found that the words constituted some 40 seconds of a three-minute piece of music.

Stanley Glasser in *The Classic-FM A-Z of Classical Music* defines a song as "a form of musical expression uttered by solo voice presenting a text, with or without instrumental accompaniment". Norway's entry seemed to me to be almost the diametrical opposite.

Yours etc,
A. PETITT,
15 Wolfscote Dale, Church Gresley,
Swadlincote, Derbyshire.
May 14.

Portrait or bust

From Mr A. C. W. Lean

Sir, The fuss over the proposed bust of Elizabeth Esteve-Coll, departing director of the Victoria & Albert Museum (News in brief, May 15), recalls the debate in an Oxford college as to whether heads of college should be commemorated by sculpture or portraits.

Portraits every time, was the conclusion: they stack much more easily.

Yours etc,
ANDREW LEAN,
17 Stockwell Park Road, SW9.

Switched off

From Mr W. A. Twemlow

Sir, Mrs Harris (letter, May 12) should count herself lucky to be able to listen to *Greensleeves* when "on hold" — even though adding to BT's profits in the process. On one number which I call regularly, I have to listen to a squeaky electronic organ playing *Für Elise* in 5/4 time. Beethoven would turn in his grave.

Yours truly,
W. A. TWEMLOW,
10 Eddisbury Road,
West Kirby, Wirral, Merseyside.

Faithful cuckoo

From Mr Michael P. Walters

Sir, Surely Lord Kilbracken (letter, May 22) has erred in applying the term "cuckold". It is not the male cuckoo which is cuckolded, but the host species in whose nest the female cuckoo "dumps" her egg.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL P. WALTERS,
5 Cambrian Road, Richmond, Surrey.
May 22.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 22: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited the Chelsea Flower Show of the Royal Horticultural Society in the Gardens of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London SW3. Lady Dugdale and Lieutenant Colonel Sir Guy Acland, Bt, were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, London Federation of Clubs for Young People, this evening attended a Dinner at the Gala Preview Evening of the Chelsea Flower Show in the grounds of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

By Command of The Queen, the Baroness Miller of Hendon (Baroness in Waiting) Called Upon the Governor-General of Solomon Islands and Lady Pitakaka this morning at the Cannizaro House Hotel, Wimbledon, London SW19, and, on behalf of Her Majesty, welcomed Their Excellencies on their Arrival in this Country.

May 22: The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment), this morning visited the 1st Battalion at Fort George, Inverness, and was received by the Lord Campbell of Croy (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Nairn). Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon visited the Chelsea Flower Show, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London SW3. Lady Carew Pole was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 22: The Prince of Wales today visited Cumbria and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Mr James Cropper).

His Royal Highness, President, Business in the Community, this morning visited the Ennerdale Water Treatment Works.

The Prince of Wales, Patron, the National Trust Centenary Appeal, afterwards visited the National Trust Centre, Watendlath.

His Royal Highness, Patron, Field Studies Council, later opened the Blencathra Centre, Threlkeld, Keswick.

The Prince of Wales, Patron, the National Trust Centenary Appeal, this afternoon visited Fell Foot Country Park, Windermere.

His Royal Highness later visited the Armitt Trust, the Armitt Library, Ambleside. Major Patrick Tabor was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 22: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this evening visited the Chelsea Show of the Royal Horticultural Society in the Gardens of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

May 22: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, National Missing Persons Helpline, attended a Luncheon to launch "The Runaway Train 1996" project, South End House, Montpelier Row, Twickenham, Middlesex.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester this afternoon visited the Chelsea Flower Show of the Royal Horticultural Society in the Gardens of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London SW3. Mrs Howard Page and Major Nicholas Barne were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
May 22: The Duke of Kent this afternoon attended the Royal Horticultural Society's Annual Chelsea Flower Show, the Royal Hospital Chelsea, Royal Hospital Road, London SW3. Captain Marcus Barnett was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
May 22: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy this evening visited the Chelsea Show of the Royal Horticultural Society in the Gardens of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as president of the trustees, will preside at a meeting of the Trustees of Westminster Abbey Trust in Westminster Abbey at 4.55; and afterwards will open the exhibition "900 Years - The Restoration of the Abbey".

The Duke of Kent, as Colonel of the Scots Guards, will attend the book launch of *Among Friends the Scots Guards, 1956 - 1993* at Wellington Barracks at 1.00.

Northaw School, West Tytherley

Would all former pupils of the school, from its days at Northaw Place, near Potters Bar, as well as from the time at Surrenden-Dering in Kent and from the present site at Norman Court, West Tytherley, contact Mr D.R. Blake, former Headmaster, now of Yew Tree House, Lower Road, Charlton All Saints, Salisbury, SP5 4HQ, who has taken over the collation of ON "news" after the death of Lieutenant Commander R.G. Archer? The recent developments and appointments at the school are of interest to all ONs.

Northaw School is a registered Charity No 307426 for the education of children.

Birthdays today

Sir Kenneth Allen, engineer, 88; Sir David Barran, former chairman, Midland Bank, 83; Mr Rubens Barrichello, racing driver, 23; Mrs J.J. d'A. Campbell, Mistress, Girton College, Cambridge, 60; Sir Matthew Campbell, civil servant, 88; Sir Hugh Casson, CH, architect, 85; Miss Joan Collins, actress, 62; Mr Denis Compton, cricketer, 77; Sir Samuel Curran, former Vice-Chancellor, Strathclyde University, 83; Mr Nigel Davenport, actor, 67; the Very Rev J.H. Drury, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, 59; Dr Walter Eltis, economist, 62; Mr G.M. Gill, former chief cashier, Bank of England, 61; Mr Marius Goring, actor, 83; Mr Douglas Gorman, chairman, Computer Management Group, 59; Lord Grenfell, 60; Viscount Hawarden, 34; Mr Graeme Hick, cricketer, 29; Mr Anatoly Karpov, chess player, 44; Sir Peter Kenilorea, former Prime Minister, Solomon Islands, 52; Mr James Lester, MP, 63; Sir John Lyons, Master, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, 63; Mr Humphrey Lyttelton, jazz musician, 74; Mr Michael McCrum, chairman, Cathedrals Fabric Commission for England, 71; Lady Olga Maitland, MP, 51; the Earl of Mount Charles, 44; Mr John Newcombe, tennis player, 51; Mr Peter Preston, Editor-in-Chief *Guardian* and *Observer*, 57; Mr Robert Sangster, former chairman, Vernons Organization and racehorse owner, 59; Mr John Stevens, MEP, 40; Sir Sanderson Temple, QC, 74; Sir John Titman, former secretary, Lord Chamberlain's Office, 69.

Chelsea Flower Show offers much that is new

Overseas exhibits reach high standard

By Alan Toogood
HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

TO THE casual observer the Chelsea Flower Show, which opens today, may look the same each year, but there is much that is new or different, especially among the plants and flowers in the great marquee.

This year the overseas exhibits are of a particularly high standard and include a newcomer, the City of Melbourne, showing cut flowers and foliage of Australia. The exhibit is representative of the continent, with habitats ranging from the sea and the coast, through scrubland to dry inland desert. The plants range from tree ferns to banksias with fat orange flower heads and kangaroo paws with furry red flowers.

Returning to Chelsea is the São Paulo Garden Club from Brazil, who have created a tropical garden in honour of the late Brazilian garden designer and plantsman, Roberto Burle Marx. He pioneered the use of native plants and the exhibit incorporates many of the characteristics of his designs, such as bold plantings of different colours.

The Barbados Horticultural Society, of Christ Church, regular Chelsea exhibitors, are featuring cut flowers that are grown for export. Subjects such as highly coloured alpinias (gingers), anthuriums and heliconias have been massed around the ruins of an old sugar mill.

Overseas exhibitors are not the only ones showing exotic plants. Abbotsbury Sub Tropical Gardens, of Weymouth, Dorset, have a display of foliage and flowering plants that are grown in the gardens, including the hardy banana, *Musa ensete*, and *Echium fastulosum* with tall spikes of blue flowers. Birmingham City Council makes a welcome return after two years with a floral spectacular which includes a giant globe formed from carpet bedding plants (alternanthera), thought to be the largest three-dimensional carpet bed ever made. This is surrounded by lavish displays of tropical and other pot plants, including a new pink poinsettia named "Pink Peppermint". The exhibit, funded by *Gardeners' World*, is to be restaged in Centenary Square, Birmingham, after the show.

The story of the oak is the theme of the exhibit from Mallet Court Nursery, of Taunton, Somerset, which features many rare oaks.

Many of the large exhibits of trees, shrubs and other hardy plants include new introductions: Hillier Nurseries, of Ampfield, Hampshire, are featuring *Jasminum* "Fiona Sunrise", a jasmine with golden foliage; Notcutt's Garden Centres, of Woodbridge, Suffolk, are showing *Rhododendron* "Gold Krone", with pale yellow flowers speckled with crimson, and a small-growing yellow-leaved holly, *Ilex altenuata "Sunny Foster"*; Burncoose Nurseries, of Redruth, Cornwall, have an unusual hydrangea named "Hobella" whose flowers open pink, then turn green and finally blue, and a climbing dicentra, *D. macrocarpos*, with pendulous yellow flowers; and Bressingham Gardens, of Diss, Norfolk, have among their hardy plants a new deep pink flowered strawberry, *Fragaria* "Red Ruby", and *Eryngium* "Jos Eijking", a sea holly that glows lavender blue from top to bottom.

Some new American fuchsias shown as trained plants by Oldbury Nurseries, of Bethersden, Kent, look promising: "Marcus Graham" with huge double orange-pink flowers, and the white and lilac double "Wendy's Beauty".

There are many pelargoniums at Chelsea but the most revolutionary zonal cultivar must be "Botham's Surprise", raised by Jack Botham, of Clwyd, North Wales, and shown by the British European Geranium Society, of Shoeburyness, Essex. It has yellow flowers, hitherto an elusive colour in pelargoniums.

Many new roses are at the show including some English ones from David Austin Roses, of Albrighton, West Midlands: "Pat Austin" with deeply cupped copper yellow flowers, and "Noble Anthony" with very double, heavily scented magenta crimson blooms. The 1995 Rose of the Year, the bright pink ground-cover cultivar "Chatsworth", is being featured in the joint exhibit of the Royal National Rose Society, the British Association Representing Breeders and the British Rose Growers' Association, of Chiswell Green, Hertfordshire.

Stapeley Water Gardens, of Nantwich, Cheshire, have tried a different way of displaying their aquatics and water lilies this year to bring them nearer to visitors: water lily blooms and leaves are floating in black trays of clear gel, and the marginal plants are growing in trays of black gravel. A new and promising marginal plant is included, *Cypella aquatilis*, which produces yellow blooms like those of a tigridia or tiger flower.

The private view for RHS members is today and tomorrow. The show, in the grounds of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, is open to the public on Thursday from 8am to 8pm and Friday from 8am to 5pm. Admission by ticket only bought in advance *(no tickets at gates)*. The 24-hour show information line: 0171 828 1744.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Norma Major walks through the Imperial War Museum's Victory Garden at the Chelsea show

Memorial service

Mr Peter Pratt
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Peter Pratt, singer, was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. The Rev Mark Oakley officiated. Mr Denys Hawthorne read from *As I walked out one Midsummer Morning* by Mr Laurie Lee and Miss Cynthia Morey read from the *Bab Ballads* by W.S. Gilbert. Mr Andrew Meadmore paid tribute. Singers sang a sextet from *Patience*. Among those present were:
Mrs Pratt (widow), Mr and Mrs Michael Preston (brother and sister-in-law), Mr Nigel Burnett, Mr and Mrs Ronald Pratt, representatives of Gilbert and Sullivan Societies, singers, former colleagues and many other friends.

People and Places

The venue for the "Dearest Evelyn, Darling Nancy" soirée, on May 25, has been changed from the Foreign Press Exchange to 33 Chesham Place, Belgrave Square, London SW1.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Elias Ashmole, antiquary, Lichfield, 1617; Carolus Linneaus, botanist, South Rashult, Sweden, 1707; William Hunter, obstetrician and medical writer, Long Calderwood, Strathclyde, 1718; Franz Mesmer, physician, pioneer of hypnotism, Weil, Germany, 1734; Sir Charles Barry, architect, London, 1795; Thomas Hood, poet, London, 1799; Manuel Johnson, astronomer, Macau, 1805; Otto Lilienthal, pioneer of aviation, Anklam, Germany, 1848; Douglas Fairbanks, senior, Denver, Colorado, 1883; Pär Lagerkvist, novelist and poet, Nobel laureate 1951, Växjö, Sweden, 1891.

DEATHS: Girolama Savonarola, preacher, burnt at the stake, Florence, 1498; Francesco Guicciardini, statesman, Florence, 1540; Louis Le Nain, painter, Paris, 1648; William Kidd, (Captain Kidd), pirate, hanged, London, 1701; John Wood, architect and town planner, Bath, 1754; Albert Smith, writer and lecturer, London, 1860; Leopold von Ranke, historian, Berlin, 1886; Henrik Ibsen, dramatist, Norway, 1906; John D. Rockefeller, oil magnate and philanthropist, Ormond Beach, Florida, 1937; Georges Claude, engineer, Paris, 1960.

King Henry VIII divorced Catherine of Aragon to marry Anne Boleyn, 1533.

The North West Mounted Police, later the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, were formed, Canada, 1873.

The French crown jewels went on sale, raising 6million francs, 1887.

Mrs Elizabeth Dacre

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Mrs Elizabeth Dacre, MBE, TD, JP, will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 1995, at 2.00pm at St Clement Danes, Strand, WC2.

Reception

Banco Espirito Santo
Mr Antonio Ricciardi, Chairman, and Mr Ricardo Espirito Santo Salgado, President of Banco Espirito Santo, were hosts at a reception held yesterday at 33 Queen Street, London, EC4, for the official opening of the Bank's new premises. The guests included the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Christopher Walford, the Sheriffs of the City of London and His Excellency the Portuguese Ambassador, Mr Antonio Costa Lobo, as well as senior representatives of Portuguese and British industry and commerce.

Appointments

Mr Murray Lawrence Creed to be a full-time Chairman of Industrial Tribunals, assigned to the Manchester Region; Mr Peter Godfrey Rennie to be a full-time Chairman of Industrial Tribunals, assigned to the Newcastle Region.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.J. Bastide and Miss H.D. Potter
The engagement is announced between Daniel John, son of the Reverend and Mrs Derek Bastide, of Offham, East Sussex, and Harriet Diana, daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Potter, of Horsted Keynes, West Sussex.

Mr J. Clarke and Miss E. Cable
The engagement is announced between Jon, younger son of Mrs Norma Clarke and the late Mr Christopher Clarke, of Gee Cross, Cheshire, and Emma, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Cable, of Stevenshill, Harnage, Shrewsbury.

Dr J.C.W. Davenport and Miss S.J. Colley
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Roy Davenport, of Poole, Dorset, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Professor and Mrs John Colley, of Lower Failand, Bristol.

Mr R.W.A. Eveleigh and Miss J.H. Saward
The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Sir Edward Eveleigh and the late Lady Eveleigh, of Kensington, London, and Julie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Leonard Saward, of Broxbourne, Hertfordshire.

Mr J.C. Malins Smith and Dr A.J. Cook
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of the late Major and Mrs S.G. Malins Smith, of Grangewells, Muirhouses, Carriden, West Lothian, and Alison, daughter of Mrs M.J. Eagle, of Eagle House, West Moor, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Mr N.A. Yelland and Miss A.J. Moberly
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Yelland, of Mirfield, West Yorkshire, and Alice, daughter of the Rev Richard and Mrs Moberly, of Clapham, London.

Mr J.D. Puddifant and Miss L.V. Evans
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of the late Dr Derek Puddifant and of Mrs Diana Puddifant, of Stock, Essex, and Lindsey, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.S. Evans, of Kerswell, Devon.

Mr S.G. Tattersall and Miss A.C.L. Bearcroft
The marriage will take place on September 2, in France, of Simon, third son of Dr R.E. Tattersall and Mrs H.J. Tattersall, of the British Virgin Islands, and Anna, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs F.A. Bearcroft, of Hornchurch, Essex.

Marriages

Mr S.W. Colledge and Miss G. Haselden
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 29, 1995, at Fettes College Chapel, Edinburgh, of Simon, younger son of Mr and Mrs James Colledge, to Gillian, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Haselden. The Rev Ashley Null officiated.

Mr H.D.M. Petter and Miss C.S. Forrester
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 20, at Salen Parish Church, Isle of Mull, between Mr Hugh Petter, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Petter, and Miss Chloë Forrester, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Rory Forrester. The Bishop of Argyll and The Isles conducted the service, assisted by the Rev Dr William Pollock.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Lucy Forrester, Charlotte Adam, William and Kiloran Howard, Natasha Raban-Williams, Oliver Kleingeld, Tom Sandberg and Jemima Knight. Mr John Petter was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Dinners

HM Lord High Commissioner
Lady Fraser, Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and Sir William Fraser gave a dinner last night at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Among those present were:
Lord and Lady Younger of Prestwick, Baroness Smith of Gilmorehill, the French Ambassador, Pasteur Bernard Anterion, Mr and Mrs Wayne Borden, Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Duncan, Mr and Mrs Graham Fraser, the Rev Dr Leslie and Mrs Griffiths, Mr Robert MacLennan, MP, and Mrs MacLennan, M and Mme Jean-Claude Richard, Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Scaife and Professor and Mrs Colin Smethurst.

Royal Society of St George
Mr Nigel L. Blood, Chairman of the Council of the City of London branch of the Royal Society of St George, presided at the installation dinner held last night at the City Livery Club. Major-General Geoffrey Field, Resident Governor and Keeper of the Jewel House, HM Tower of London, and Mr Deputy Bernard L. Morgan, branch president, also spoke.

Association of Old Brightonians
Lord Alexander of Weedon, QC, was the guest of honour at the London dinner of the Association of Old Brightonians held last night at Butchers' Hall to mark the 150th anniversary of Brighton College. Rear-Admiral P.G.V. Dingemans, president of the association, presided. Mr J.D. Leach, headmaster, also spoke.

The Royal Academy of Engineering
Sir William Barlow, FEng, President of The Royal Academy of Engineering, presided at a Lecture and Dinner held last night at The Royal Society, London. The guest speaker was Sir Iain Vallance, Chairman, British Telecommunications plc, who spoke on "The Effect of Regulation on Technology Progress".

Parliamentary and Scientific Group
Mrs Anne Campbell, MP, Chairman of the Parliamentary and Scientific Committe, was the host at a dinner held last night at the House of Commons after a meeting of the committee when Professor David Hawksworth and Professor Ghillean T. Prance, FRS, were the speakers.

European-Atlantic Group
Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, MP, presided at a meeting of the European-Atlantic Group held yesterday in the House of Commons. Afterwards, Sir Richard Morris and Mr Michael Folger were the principal speakers at a dinner at the St Ermin's Hotel.

Cardiff Business Club
The Cardiff Business Club held a dinner at the Park Hotel, Cardiff last night. The guest speaker was the Hon Robert Lloyd George, Lloyd George Management (Hong Kong) Ltd. Mr Brian K. Thomas, Chairman, Cardiff Business Club, presided.

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Leviticus 11 : 44 (REB)

BIRTHS

ADDISON - On May 19th, to Carys (née Morris) and Peter, a son, Nathan Conor.

ADESON - On May 18th at the Wellington Hospital, to Linda and Kevin, a son, Graham Dexter.

BRAXTON - On May 18th 1995, at the Buchanan Hospital, Hastings, to Joanna (née Wilmoth) and James, a daughter, Annie Octavia, a sister for Amelia, Charlie and Ned.

BRECHER - On May 12th at the Wellington Hospital, to Susanne (née Fertleman) and Andrew, a son, Oliver James.

CAREY - Patricia, see Hyslop.

CARINGTON - On May 19th, to Daniela and Rupert, a daughter, Isabella Iona, a sister to Robert and Francesca.

COTTLE - On 19th May 1995, to Kirstine (née Howatt) and Simon, a daughter, Lucy Catherine Olivia.

DRANE - On May 18th at The Royal United Hospital, Bath, to Natasha (née Peachey) and Stephen, a daughter, Eleanor Kimberley.

GARDINER - On May 19th at the Wellington Hospital, to Fiona Eastwood and Kevin Gardiner, a girl, Frances May.

HANKINS - On 17th May at 12.36 am at the Beth Israel Medical Centre, New York City, to Nicola and Stephen, a son, Andrew Henry Robert, 7lbs 11½oz.

HARBORNE - On Sunday May 14th 1995, to Amanda (née Cole) and Christopher, a daughter, Gemma, a sister for William.

HARRISON-HALL - On 30th April 1995, to Jane (née Jenkins) and Oscar, a son, Oliver Michael John.

HYSLOP - On May 13th, to Patricia (née Carey) and John, a son, Matthew John Carey.

JUCKES - On 7th May 1995, to Jonathan and Diana, a son, Peter Sydney, a brother for Alice and Rachel.

KRAMERS - On May 19th, to Susan (née Morrison) and Toby, a daughter, Sarah Jessica "Sally", a sister to Eleanor.

PENNY - On May 19th, to Francesca (née Llewellyn) and Andrew, a daughter, Allegra Kate, a sister for Fergus.

PHILIPPS - On May 11th, to Louise (née Sorrell) and Brian, a son, Robert Alan.

PULLAN - On May 19th at Princess Royal, Haywards Heath, to Fiona (née Wilson) and David, a delightful son, Benjamin Guy Macpherson.

REDMAYNE - On May 20th at home, to Elizabeth (née Benford) and Jonathan, a daughter, Susannah Joy, a sister for Peter.

SPEARE-COLE - On May 22nd, to Jessica (née Boscawen) and Alastair, a son, Edward Arthur Bremer.

STEEN - On Monday May 22nd at St Luke's International Hospital, Tokyo, to Yumiko (née Hachinohe) and Jeremy, a daughter, Emma Saiyori.

VAN NIEKERK - To Chris and Arabella (née Trollip), a daughter, Isabella Elizabeth, in Hong Kong on 11th May.

VATCHER - On 21st May at the Wellington Hospital, to Rita and Richard, a girl, Margaret "Maggie" London 9lbs 12oz, a sister to William Tokyo.

WOOLGER - On May 20th, to Alison (née Price) and Jarvis, a daughter, Octavia Cara Alexa, a sister for Maximilian and Imogen.

DEATHS

CAMPBELL - On May 18th, peacefully, Lieutenant Colonel Alastair, late of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders and of Ord House. Sadly missed by Catherine, their children and families. Funeral at Beaulieu Abbey Church at 12 noon on Wednesday May 31st. Inquiries to Harriet Phipps 01590-612347 (evenings).

CARRUTHERS - On May 19th 1995, suddenly at home, Allan John Edgell, aged 61, dearly loved husband of Belinda, loving father of Rupert, Jason and Rebecca and much loved brother of Jean. Family funeral service on Friday 26th May 1995, followed by cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at Tewkesbury Abbey, 12 noon on Wednesday 7th June 1995. No flowers please.

CASSERLY - On May 19th, peacefully at home, Christopher, beloved husband and father. Requiem Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace R.C. Church, Sheen Road, Richmond, on Friday 26th May at 11 am, followed by burial in Richmond and East Sheen Cemetery.

CAVE-BIGLEY - On Monday May 22nd 1995 in hospital in Aberdeen, Peter Jordayne of Withington, Hereford. Much loved husband of Jackie, very dear father of David and Christopher and a loving grandfather. Private cremation at Aberdeen. Memorial Service to be held at a later date.

COLLINS - On May 17th peacefully at home - Ethel Margaret, the former Head of Music at Bromley County Grammar School for Girls. Funeral 1 pm Tuesday June 13th at Bromley Parish Church. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham.

COOPER - Doris, of Woodbridge, on 20th May, in her 84th year, beloved wife of the late Jack Cooper, loving mother of John and Anna, devoted grandmother and great-grandmother. Died peacefully at The Kyle House, Woodbridge, after a short illness. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Woodbridge, on Friday, 26th May at 11.45 am, followed by private cremation.

COOPER - Richard Bevington, peacefully at Windsor on 21st May, aged 96, widower of the late Muriel, devoted father of Barbara and a loving grandfather. Memorial Service to be arranged in Arnside.

DUNN - On May 20th 1995, in Scotland, Allan Alfred Dunn, died suddenly. Funeral at Salehurst Church, Salehurst, East Sussex. Funeral enquiries to Waterhouses, tel: (01435) 882219.

DWYER-JOYCE - Professor Patrick Weston, May 22nd 1995, peacefully at home in Dublin. Beloved husband of the late Evelyne and dear father of Garret, Susan, Robert and Lisa. Deeply regretted by all his family and friends, removal this Tuesday evening to Church of the Assumption, Dalkey, arriving 6 o'clock. Funeral tomorrow, Wednesday after 10 o'clock Mass to Shanganagh Cemetery. Family flowers only, donations to Our Lady's Hospice Home Care, Harolds' Cross, Dublin 6W. House private.

ELLIS - On May 18th, Matthew Justin, stillborn at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford. Much loved son of Simon and Katherine (née Berry) and brother of Rebecca. Also dearly loved by his grandparents The Ven. and Mrs Robin Ellis and The Reverend and Mrs David Berry, his great-grandparents The Reverend and Mrs Walter Ellis and Mr and Mrs Oliver Berry, his uncles Tim and Dominic Ellis and his aunt Andrea Berry. The funeral service will be at St John the Evangelist Church, Iffley Road, Oxford, on Thursday 25th May 1995 at 9.45 am. Family flowers only please but donations to S.A.N.D.S. c/o R.L. Bromley & Son, 145 Magdalen Road, Oxford, tel: (01865) 792227.

ELTON - Margaret Ann, Lady Elton F.S.A. Died in an accident on Tuesday 16th May. Widow of Sir Arthur Elton Bt. and mother of Julia, Rebecca and Charles. Requiem Mass at St John's Church, Clevedon, Avon at 7.30 pm on Monday 29th May. Funeral at All Saint's Church, Clevedon at 12 noon on Tuesday 30th May. No flowers but donations to Amnesty International.

EUSTANCE - On 14th May, in Harrogate, Evelyn, aged 97. Widow of Arthur and mother of Audrey, Cedric and Rex. Cremation took place on 19th May. Donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation.

FLEMYNG - Robert, on 22nd May at St Thomas' Hospital. Dearly loved father of Caroline, father-in-law of Tom and grandfather of Christopher and Alexander. Private funeral but a Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Actors' Charitable Trust. Enquiries to Ashton Funeral Services, tel: (0171) 274-5425.

FORD - Leonard Stanley, on 19th May at Gloucester Royal Hospital after a short illness. Funeral at Tibberton Church on Wednesday 24th May at 11.30 am.

FOWLER - On 19th May 1995 peacefully at St Joseph's Hospital, Newport, in her 90th year, Grace Helen (née Lyle), widow of the late Worton Fowler of Pontypool. All welcome to funeral service at Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer, Griffithstown, at 2 pm on Wednesday 31st May to be followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu to St Anne's Hospice c/o Fowler's Travel Service, Pontypool, NP4 6JE.

FREEMAN - On 21st May, suddenly at home, Hubert Stanley (Buzz). Dearly loved by his wife Pauline, his family and friends. Funeral Service 10 am Lambeth Crematorium on Friday 26th May. No flowers but at his request donations if wished to British Red Cross, 184 Kingston Road, Merton, SW19 3NU, in gratitude for the Red Cross parcels he received while a Prisoner of War.

FREEMAN - On May 20th 1995 at Exeter Hospital I.T.U. peacefully and with dignity, Sheelah, of Bideford, Devon. Sister of Mary Dangerfield and the late Bridget Freeman. Funeral at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Bideford, at 2 pm on Thursday May 25th.

GARDNER - On May 19th 1995, Major James Anthony Gardner of Stour Row, Shaftesbury, very dearly loved and loving husband, father and grandfather. Formerly of the Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire). Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service to be announced.

GOADBY - On May 21st peacefully, Dorothy Sharpe (née Ostle), aged 92. Beloved wife of Ronald and a devoted stepmother to Joan and her children and grandchildren. Funeral Service at East Bergholt Church May 26th at 2.15 pm. Family flowers only, but donations may be sent to The Children's Society, c/o Woodcote Lodge, Gandish Road, East Bergholt, Colchester CO7 6TP.

GRAHAM - Erica, O.B.E. Peacefully on 20th May in Ashburton, aged 97 years. Widow of Bramwell Graham. Funeral Service in Elstow Abbey Church on Friday 26th May at 2.30 pm. No flowers by request, but donations to SSAFA, 19 Queen Elizabeth Street, London SE1 2LP. Further enquiries to Neville Funeral Service, 311 Marsh Road, Leagrave, Luton, Beds. LU3 2RZ (01582 490005).

GRIFFITH - Patrick, aged 59, suddenly on 19th May, much loved husband of Caroline and father of Andrew, Harriet and Annabel. Funeral Service at Worth Abbey, Turners Hill, near Crawley, West Sussex, on Friday 26th May at 2.30 pm. Flowers to Worth Abbey.

HALL - Dr. Alexander Stephenson (Stephen) F.R.C.P. On May 19th 1995, aged 90, peacefully at home, Boarstall Tower. Much loved and loving. Husband of Rhona; formerly, until her death, husband of Mary; father of Julian, Rachel and Adrian; grandfather of Rebecca, Benjamin, Catherine, Luke, Mary, Richard and Edward. Funeral at St James' Boarstall Friday, May 26th. Noon. Enquiries: Wilson 01844-291200. Donations if wished to The Jacqueline du Pré Music Building Ltd., St Hilda's College, Oxford.

HANCOCK - On May 20th 1995, peacefully at Knappe Cross Nursing Home, Mary Honor Chambers, widow of Geoffrey Maberley Hancock CBE. Funeral Service Exeter and Devon Crematorium Tuesday May 30th at 11.15am, St Paul's Chapel. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, for Exmouth Hospicare may be sent to Richard W. Gegg Funeral Directors, 47 Rolle Street, Exmouth, Devon.

HARRISON - Died peacefully at St Wilfrid's Hospice, Chichester on May 22nd, Dr. Arthur Roy ("Harry") aged 78. Funeral Service at Chichester Crematorium on Wednesday May 31st at 11.30am. Family flowers only. Donations to St Wilfrid's Hospice, Chichester, please.

JONES - Rev. John Henry, peacefully at home on 20th May, aged 69. Enquiries to A.W. Hughes (01544) 22217.

KELLY - On Saturday, 20th May, 1995 at Noble's (I.O.M.) Hospital; Colonel Henry, O.B.E., T.D., Croix de Guerre, late 15th (I.O.M.) L.A.A. Regt. R.A. of Ballaqueeney Lodge, Ballaquayle Road, Douglas, Isle of Man aged 85 years. Beloved husband of Joan and the late Vera. Funeral Service at 2 pm on Friday, 26th May, 1995, at St George's Church, Douglas, followed by cremation at Douglas Borough Crematorium. Family flowers only, please. Donations in lieu to Noble's (I.O.M.) Hospital, Douglas, Isle of Man IM1 4QA or St Bridget's Hospice, Kensington Road, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 3PE.

LORDING - Geoffrey Harcourt, May 19th 1995, suddenly at home, dearly loved husband of Dulcie, father of John and Margaret and papa to Suzie, Tom, Jocelyn and Nicholas. Funeral Service and cremation at Randalls Park, Leatherhead, on Thursday May 25th at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation c/o W.A. Truelove & Son Ltd, F/D, Cheam, (0181) 642-3300.

MOOCK - On May 13th, suddenly, as a result of a fall made while rebuilding his independence, our most darling, sweet, beloved son, brother, grandson, uncle, friend - David Charles Benjamin, aged 27. He spent four and a half years bravely recovering after being knocked down by a car. Service at St James's Church, St James's Gardens, London W11 at noon on Friday 2nd June. Flowers to John Nodes Funeral Service, 181 Ladbroke Grove, Kensington, London W10 6HH. Donations if desired to Headway West London, Charing Cross Hospital, Fulham Palace Road, London W6 8RF.

PRESTON - On May 19th, Desmond William, with characteristic courage and style after challenging illnesses. Greatly loved husband of Helen, devoted and loved father of Susan, Philippa, David and Christian. Dear stepfather, grandfather and great-grandfather who will be missed by his family and all his friends. Private cremation. If desired, flowers may be ordered through Pulbrook & Gould, tel: (0171) 730-0030. A service to celebrate his life will take place on Wednesday May 31st at St James', Piccadilly, London at 3 pm. Donations towards a prize in his name at The Royal College of Art may be sent to Leverton & Sons Ltd. Funeral Directors, 212 Eversholt Street, London NW1 1BD.

READ - On May 21st 1995, peacefully at home, Iris aged 85. Dearly loved wife of the late Bob. Funeral Service will be held at St Michael's Church, Lambourn, at 4 pm on Thursday May 25th. No flowers please, but donations if desired for a market square bench may be sent c/o John Shering Funeral Directors, 34 Provost Street, Fordingbridge SP6 1AY.

SHARPUS-JONES - At home, in Fife, Scotland, on May 19th, 1995, Matthew, aged 16 years, much loved son of Lance and Judith.

SHAW - Peacefully on Saturday 20th May 1995, Godfrey Barnsley, devoted husband of the late Joan, father of David, Anne, Richard, Sara and Jane, "Puppy" to his 12 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Requiem Mass at St Edward's Church, Sutton Park, near Guildford, Surrey, at 11 am on Tuesday 30th May. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to R.N.L.B., 224 Great Portland Street, London W1N 6AA.

STRINGER - Renée N. Stringer of Farnborough, Hampshire, dearly loved wife of Freddy, mother of Carol and her husband Nigel and grandsons Tom, Daniel, Adam and Sam, died peacefully in Frimley Park Hospital on the evening of Friday 19th May 1995. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Farnborough, on 26th May 1995 at 12.30 pm and burial afterwards at Ship Lane Cemetery. Family flowers and posies from friends. Donations to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund and Frimley Park Hospital League of Friends.

SWEETMAN - On Monday 22nd May 1995, peacefully at home, John Patrick Beamish, aged 77. Beloved husband of Wendy (dec'd) and much loved father of Elizabeth and Vicky. Funeral Service at St Michael and All Angels Church, Enborne, on Friday 26th May at 11.30am. Flowers to Camp Hopson, Newbury.

WANSEY - On May 20th 1995, quietly, The Reverend John, dearly loved husband of the late Muriel Evelyn and father and grandfather. Funeral Service on Friday May 26th at Guildford Crematorium at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to The Acorn Healing Trust, Whitehill Chase, Bordon, Hants.

WEATHERILL - On May 21st peacefully at The Sloane Hospital, Beckenham, Jean, beloved wife of Peter and family Tim, Jenny, Peter, Vicky and Ollie. Funeral Service at the Priory Church of St Bartholomew-The-Great, West Smithfield, EC1, on June 2nd at noon followed by cremation at Lewisham Crematorium at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to "Aid to Russian Christians". Donations and all enquiries to H. Copeland and Son, tel: (0181) 660-2295.

WHEELER - On the 19th May, David Wheeler of Pimlico, aged 76. Much loved husband, brother and uncle. R.I.P. Enquiries Kenyon's 0171 834 4624

MARRIAGES

CLARK:WATT - On Saturday 20th May at Alloway Parish Church, Ayr, Scotland, between Mr Robin Clark and Miss Fiona Watt.

WOOLLARD:QUIRK - On May 20th 1995 at Bishop Eton, Liverpool, Leslie, son of the late Mr & Mrs Frederick Woollard, to Patricia, daughter of Mr & Mrs Michael Quirk.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

DOWLING:STREET - At Holy Trinity Church, West End, Chobham, on 23rd May 1945, Brian Dowling married Margery Street. Still living Pirbright.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

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DATED THIS 16TH MAY 1995
Peter S Dunn FCA Liquidator.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
DOMINION INTERNATIONAL PROJECT FINANCE LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
Notice is given that a meeting of the creditors of the company will be held at No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL on 13 June 1995 at 10.15 am to be followed at 10.30 am by a general meeting of the shareholders.
The purpose of the meetings, which are called under the provisions of Section 105 of the Insolvency Act 1986, is to receive an account of the acts and dealings of the liquidators and the conduct of the liquidation during the year ended 19 February 1995.
No formal voting is anticipated at the meeting, but a creditor wishing to vote at a meeting must complete and lodge with me the enclosed proxy form, unless the creditor is an individual attending the meeting personally or a company authorising a representative under the provisions of Section 245 of the Companies Act 1985. A creditor who has not yet submitted a claim and who wishes to vote at the meeting whether in person, by proxy, or in some other way, must do so before the meeting.
AM Homan
Joint Liquidator
19 May 1995

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
Rangoon Leatherwear Ltd
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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
WOODFORDS ARCHITECTURAL JOINERY LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 8th June 1995 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 3.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require. DATED this 18 day of May 1995. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD GEORGE K. SEAGO DIRECTOR

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OBITUARIES

LES ASPIN

Les Aspin, former Democratic Congressman and first Secretary of Defence in the Clinton Administration, died after a stroke in Washington on May 21 aged 56. He was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on July 21, 1938.



LES ASPIN was the first Cabinet casualty of the Clinton Administration. A well-known figure on both sides of the Atlantic — he was for years a regular attender at Anglo-American conferences such as those held at Ditchley Park — the initial news of his appointment was undoubtedly reassuring to the European allies of the United States. But he soon proved to be one of those legislators whom executive office finds out. The 12 months he spent in charge of the Pentagon turned out to be an unhappy experience both for him and for the vast US war machine. Charitably allowed by President Clinton to remain in office until the first anniversary of his appointment, he was politically a dead duck well before then.

Yet Aspin — a serious, rumpled-looking figure with very much the air of the academic he had once been — was unquestionaby a man of parts. A brilliant scholar, he graduated *summa cum laude* from Yale before going as a Rhodes Scholar in 1960 to Oxford where he read PPE and made many lasting English friends.

His first experience of the executive arm of government was in 1963 as a staff assistant to Walter Heller, at that time chairman of President Kennedy's Council of Economic Advisers. Under the then prevailing draft system he subsequently went into the Army attaining the rank of captain by the end of his period of service, much of it spent in the Pentagon.

Since as a politician he entered Congress on an anti-Vietnam platform and had spent the first part of his Capitol Hill career in violent opposition to the Pentagon, he might have seemed an unlikely choice for the post of Defence Secretary when Bill Clinton started forming his Administration at the end of 1992. But by that time he had already served eight years as chairman of the powerful House Armed Services Committee and had long since abandoned the ranks of the congressional doves for those of the hawks.

Nor was that the first U-turn in his career. One of Robert McNamara's whiz-kids during the latter's period as Secretary of Defence from 1961 to 1967, Aspin was initially sufficient of a supporter of the Vietnam War to serve as Lyndon Johnson's campaign manager in the Wisconsin primary of the spring of 1968.

It proved a forlorn cause. Indeed, by the time polling day came round at the beginning of April, Aspin's candidate had already withdrawn, leaving the field open for a crushing victory for the "peace candidate", Senator Eugene McCarthy. Aspin then took a job as an assistant professor of economics at Marquette University in Milwaukee.

From there he fought his first election in 1970 as Democratic candidate for the House of Representatives in Wisconsin's first congressional district. He was elected against an incumbent by the largest margin achieved by any challenger that year.

Aspin began to make his mark as soon as he reached Capitol Hill as the most junior member of the Armed Services Committee. Week after week he issued press releases accusing the Pentagon of wasteful spending on everything from shipbuilding to the care of officers' pets at government expense. He railed against the cosy relationship between the generals and senior politicians, and (perhaps forgetting his own past in which he had played a modest part in the so-called "pacification programme" in South Vietnam) he relentlessly attacked the Nixon Administration's policies in South-East Asia. But at the same time he felt frustrated. "You're a junior member of a committee," he explained to a reporter, "and you don't have the leverage of a subcommittee or committee chairman, so what do you do?"

What Aspin did was to get himself that leverage as soon as he could. In 1975 he was one of the leaders of a coup which ousted the then chairman of the Armed Services Committee, a crusty and noted hawk from Louisiana named F. Edward Hebert, and replaced him with the more malleable Melvin Price of Illinois.

Ten years later it was Price's turn. Aspin organised another coup, this time on his own behalf, and vaulted over more senior members of the committee in defiance of convention to become chairman himself.

By this time Aspin's politics had turned to the right. He had shed his gadfly image and become recognised as a serious student of the military, developing the very kind of relationship with the Pentagon that he had so criticised in the past. He supported the development of the multi-warhead MX missile, which many of his liberal colleagues thought was not only too expensive but a positive threat to peace, and he defended the Reagan Administration's policy of support for the Contra rebels in their war against the Government of Nicaragua.

This was too much for many Democrats, including a surprising number of conservatives, and in 1987 they tried to strip Aspin of his chairmanship. But, after a fortnight's interregnum, he won it back. He went on to argue forcefully in favour of the Bush Administration's policies in the Gulf, writing just before the House voted in favour of military action: "I believe prospects are high for a rapid victory with light to moderate American casualties, perhaps three to five thousand including 500 to 1,000 dead." Although his forcast was more than vindicated, he was not to be lightly forgiven by the liberal wing of his party who were vociferous in their opposition to him in his twelfth, and final, congressional campaign in Wisconsin.

In 1992 Aspin had joined Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, as a chief adviser on military policy to the then candidate, Bill Clinton. With Clinton's victory, the appointment of one or the other as Secretary of Defence seemed certain, and the choice of Aspin over the more abrasive and belligerent Nunn was hailed in many quarters as a wise one.

Doubts were expressed, however, about his lack of experience in managing such a huge establishment as the Pentagon, and over the next year these proved to be well founded. Initially, he had always thought of graduating from the House to the Senate — and this would almost certainly have proved a more appropriate métier for him.

It was Aspin's misfortune to come to office at a moment of considerable turmoil both on the international scene and within the Pentagon itself. It soon became apparent that he lacked the sort of close relationship with Clinton enjoyed by the Secretary of State, Warren Christopher, or by the White House National Security Adviser, Anthony Lake. Cracks began to appear when he expressed disagreement with the all-or-nothing approach to military engagement of the then chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Colin Powell, and when he advocated the selective use of American ground troops to support diplomacy in the Bosnian crisis. On the domestic front, Aspin at once found himself handling the hot potato of homosexuals in the armed forces, facing a military establishment outraged at Clinton's campaign promise to permit them to serve. Caught unhappily in the middle of an emotional debate, Aspin finally offered the messy compromise of "Don't ask — Don't tell," which was immediately assailed as being morally dishonest and which certainly succeeeded in satisfying neither side in the controversy.

In this, as in his attempts to reform the structure of the US military to meet the post-Cold War situation, Aspin showed himself less than decisive and often unable to close a discussion. He also lacked strong support from the White House in his bid to defend the Pentagon from deep spending cuts being demanded by the Office of Management and Budget.

The incident which led to his departure was his decision not to send in tanks to reinforce American troops in Somalia, just weeks before 18 American soldiers died in a battle Somali gunmen. Widely criticised, Aspin tendered his resignation after only 11 months in office. Although President Clinton took pains to insist that it was Aspin's own decision, and subsequently appointed him to chair a presidential commission reviewing the operation of US intelligence services, there was little doubt that, had he not jumped, he would have been pushed. He was succeeded, after a hiccup with a nominee who withdrew, by his deputy, William J. Perry.

Les Aspin was the son of a Yorkshireman who emigrated to the United States via Canada and died of heart disease at an early age. Divorced in 1979, he never remarried but leaves a longtime partner.

HIS HONOUR JOHN PICKERING

John Pickering, a Circuit Court Judge 1972-84, died on April 25 aged 70. He was born on January 8, 1925.



JOHN PICKERING was a rare case of a barrister who joined the Bar, gave up active practice — only then to return to it and go on to be a judge. His early speciality was defence work for the National Coal Board against injury suits by miners. This led to a book on one of the key Acts governing miners' injuries and a role as deputy chairman of the Benefits Board for Miners' Diseases.

As a judge, he had a versatile career but his later years were marred by a drink-driving conviction, criticisms of indecision and an action for rent arrears. Yet he will be remembered as a highly convivial companion, a man with a sharp intellect who in the end failed to fulfil his promise.

John Robertson Pickering was the son of a small-time industrialist. He was sent to school at Winchester, which he "hated", and then went to Magdalene College, Cambridge, where he took a wartime degree in classics, going on to study law. He joined the RNVR, serving in *HMS Reliant*, becoming a lieutenant. He saw action on convoys to Russia and in the Far East. He liked to tell a story of how he had "liberated Hong Kong's gin supplies" on its recapture from the Japanese.

In 1949 he was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple and soon established a practice. Two years later he married Hilde Wright, a widow who had a glamorous French Resistance record.

Having acted for the National Coal Board at the Bar, he eventually joined it as a legal adviser. In 1957 he brought out an annotated study of *The Mines and Quarries Act 1954*.

In the later 1950s, through contacts made with the NCB, he went on to Dyson, Bell, parliamentary agents and specialists in promoting Private Bills. But that did not work out and he soon reverted to the Bar.

He built up a strong flow of varied briefs, including work at the Parliamentary Bar, but also on the Northern Circuit. He also developed a wide span of acquaintances, especially with *Daily Mirror* journalists, including Tom Tullett, its crime reporter, who, together with Percy Hoskins of the *Daily Express*, was often to be seen with Pickering at El Vino in Fleet Street. Acute argumentative reflexes, an incisive memory and a strong sense of fun marked his conversational staccato utterances.

Travel, especially to France, and music were also strong passions: he was an active doyen of the Bar Music Society. In the later 1960s he joined No 2 Harcourt Buildings from another set of chambers in No 2 Paper Buildings, and shifted his line of activity to the SouthEast, partly in order to travel less.

In 1971, he was made Deputy Chairman of North-East London Quarter Sessions, just a year before such courts were phased out in favour of Crown Courts. In 1972 Pickering became a Circuit Judge, a post he held for 12 years. He was much in demand, hearing indictments at the Old Bailey and Southwark and Knightsbridge Crown Courts, but also civil cases as a floating judge in varied county courts. He dealt, too, with undefended divorces in the Family Division at the Royal Courts of Justice.

He retired in 1984. His marriage was dissolved and he leaves a partner, Jeanne Coleman, together with two stepsons and a son from his marriage.

PREM BHATIA



Prem Bhatia, diplomat, journalist and Editor-in-Chief of *The Tribune*, Chandigarh, India, 1977-85, died in Delhi on May 8aged 83. He was born on August 11, 1911.

WHEN the Raj bowed out of India in 1947, the English-language press was left in the hands of two categories of journalist: the fiercely individualist sons of Westernised Indians, usually blessed with a private income; and those who blundered into journalism having failed to make it to a subordinate government job.

Prem Bhatia was among the most distinguished members of the first category. Although he never became a household name for his political punditry, he exemplified the most endearing facets of his class — doughty independence, enormous personal integrity and lots of style. These qualities distinguished him from his fellow editors, particularly at a time when Indian politics became increasingly murky and violent.

Bhatia regarded his nine years from 1977 as Editor-in-Chief of *The Tribune* (published from Chandigarh) as "the golden years of my life". When Punjab was transformed from a sleepy, if prosperous, backwater of Indian politics to the centre of terrorism, and Sikh separatism, Bhatia played a leading role in preventing the state's largest-circulation English daily from becoming a partisan mouthpiece.

It was not easy and in his final article as editor, Bhatia confessed to being involved "in what appeared at times to be a struggle for professional and physical survival".

The Tribune emerged from this turbulence with its reputation considerably enhanced. This owed a great deal to Bhatia's stubborn reluctance to toe the government line. He was no radical or great believer in fashionable theories of self-determination. An old-fashioned pillar of the Establishment, Bhatia knew the true meaning of enlightened self-interest. This meant, above all, overcoming "the special disadvantage of being treated as representing one or the other of the two major communities".

Journalists, Bhatia once wrote, are "usually viewed by the Government as upstarts and pretentious unless, of course, they are on the side of the rulers themselves. But journalists who thus acquire a favourable status run the risk of being branded lap-dogs".

Bhatia probably imbibed this commitment to press independence from his 12 years as bureau chief and political correspondent of *The Statesman*, a venerable conservative daily that prided itself on its lordly detachment from party politics. But, equally, it may have stemmed from his deep roots in the undivided Punjab, his education at Government College, Lahore, his apprenticeship at the *Civil and Military Gazette* and his great love of cricket.

It was this fanatical devotion to a sense of fair play that attracted Bhatia to Mrs Vijayalakshmi Pandit, Nehru's sister and High Commissioner in London and Ambassador to the Soviet Union. She appointed him as First Secretary in the Moscow Embassy. After a successful stint there, Bhatia served as Indian High Commissioner in Kenya, 1965-69, and Singapore, 1969-73.

His three books, *All My Yesterdays*, *Indian Ordeal In Africa* and *Of Many Pastures* were based on his diplomatic experiences.

Before taking up his diplomatic assignments, Bhatia had served as a correspondent of All India Radio, a lieutenant-colonel in the British Indian Army and a member of the Government of pre-1947 undivided Bengal.

Later he was resident editor of the Delhi edition of *The Times of India* and of the *Indian Express*, the former unabashedly pro-Government and the latter pugnaciously anti-Establishment.

Bhatia, a familiar figure in Delhi's intensely politicised social circuit, was often thought of as a deracinated oddity by brash colleagues who shared few of his cosmopolitan assumptions. But if the English-language press has prospered and achieved a distinctive Indian identity and influence quite disproportionate to its reach, credit must be given to those, like Bhatia, who doggedly resisted the temptations of compromise and pressures of levelling down.

Prem Bhatia is survived by his wife Shakuntala and by two sons and a daughter.

AN incorrect photograph accompanied the obituary of Colin Scott (May 18).

We regret the error and offer our apologies to Mrs Scott and to her late husband's successor as Governor of Winson Green Prison, Graham Gregory Smith, whose photograph inadvertently appeared.

FRANCIS SMITH

Francis Smith, engineer and librarian, died at Meincian, Dyfed, on April 25 aged 85. He was born on August 29, 1909.

FRANCIS SMITH, who was at one time a research assistant and librarian to Sir Barnes Wallis, at Vickers-Armstrongs in Weybridge, held, and cheerfully dispensed, encyclopaedic knowledge of ships, aircraft, railway locomotives and engineering structures. Born at Newbury, Berkshire, and educated at Christ's Hospital, Horsham, Francis Henry Smith joined the Orient Line as assistant ship's purser at the age of 17 and went to sea in 1926 on board the new *SS Oransay* (20,000 tons) on the Australia service.

In 1928, his thirst for travel assuaged, he became assistant librarian at the Institution of Civil Engineers. One day he introduced himself to an earnest researcher in the institution's library, who had attracted him by wearing an Old Christ's Hospital tie. The researcher was Dr Barnes Wallis, who was engaged on a project concerning the civil engineering structures of dams in Germany. Frank Smith was able to turn up German engineering journals for Barnes Wallis, which led in due course to the RAF Bomber Command raids on the Mohne, Eder, Soppe and Bever Dams in May, 1943.

By then, however, Smith had joined the Royal Navy and was on board *HMS Greenwich* — the destroyer-depot ship at Scapa Flow. Later in the war he served in the aircraft carriers *Indomitable* and *Victorious*.

After the war, he joined Barnes Wallis's Vickers-Armstrongs Research Department at Brooklands, Weybridge, and assisted on a number of advanced projects concerning supersonic aircraft and, as a sideline, on wind-tunnel experiments on the trajectories of cricket balls to explain how — through bowler's wrist action — they could be made to swing.

In 1949 Smith joined the staff of the Royal Aeronautical Society as librarian, where he became a highly regarded authority on its unique aircraft archives and a valued aide to successive presidents. He was a member of the society's delegation to its Anglo-American aeronautical conference with the United States and Canada in New York and Montreal in 1959.

When, in 1967, the Royal Aeronautical Society, the Chartered Institute of Transport and British Rail combined to set up the British Transport Staff College at Woking in Surrey, Frank Smith became its librarian and custodian of archives, in charge of a new and extensive reference library in support of the BTSC's international courses. He retired in 1982 but, sadly, was blind in his later years.

Frank Smith is survived by his wife Phyllis and their three sons.

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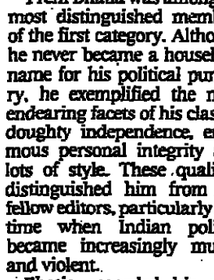
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ST PAUL'S BRIDGE

VISCOUNT BURNHAM called attention to the proposed erection of a bridge over the Thames in the neighbourhood of St Paul's Cathedral, and moved: "That it is desirable that the Fine Arts Committee which had recently been constituted by his Majesty's Government for the express purpose of advising on the artistic aspect of public works and buildings, be consulted before further steps are taken." He said he had put the motion down because he wished to call the attention of the Government to the existence of the Fine Arts Committee. It was inconceivable that in the greatest public work ever undertaken in the City or County of London by any local authority or by the Crown the Government should not have sought the advice and counsel of the Committee, since the work affected the amenities and the attractions of the capital of the Empire. It might be said that this matter was a question of local government but the Thames was pre-eminently a national river, and the greater bridges that were provided for crossing it in the capital were matters of national concern. Therefore, he did not think anybody would consider the construction of this bridge to be merely a local question. The Government could not possibly divest itself of responsibility in the matter, since it was proposed to spend a million of money out of the Imperial Exchequer on the necessary approaches and thoroughfares. The Government could not say they had no responsibility for a project which seriously threatened, if it did not endanger, St Paul's Cathedral. The Cathedral authorities regarded it not only with anxiety, but with apprehension.

He was not going to suggest or insinuate that the accommodation across the Thames at the present moment was sufficient or suitable. All he wished to say was that so far as he could see the St Paul's Bridge was the worst of all the proposals made for bridging the Thames. (Cheers). It had very few friends. He believed only a bare majority supported it in the City Corporation. Generally speaking, there was a great body of opinion in the City of London opposed to the making of the bridge. It seemed very doubtful whether it would afford much relief to the traffic of the City. It would increase congestion. He suggested that the City Corporation were so divided among themselves and so uncertain as to the wisdom of the course they had taken that they ought to be the first to welcome a national inquiry into the matter. The London County Council first gave a grudging support to the proposal, of which they had since repented, and now proposed that the subject should be examined afresh. He was told that they supported the scheme in the belief that they would be able to bring their tramways across the new bridge into the heart of the City. That idea the City Corporation refused to contemplate, and thus the motive which had led the L.C.C. to agree to the scheme had largely disappeared. In the third place, there was the attitude of the authorities of St Paul's Cathedral. There was no doubt that all along they had been opposed to the scheme. Instead of making the Cathedral the end of a long and magnificent vista, which would have added a new beauty to London, the scheme would detract materially from the grandeur of St Paul's Cathedral as they knew it today. The Cathedral authorities were alarmed at the risks of vibration to the fabric, and also at what might be called the desiccation of the clay upon which the piles rested, and which filled them with very genuine doubts as to the further shifting of the building. The opinions of leading art societies and architectural bodies pointed in the same direction . . .

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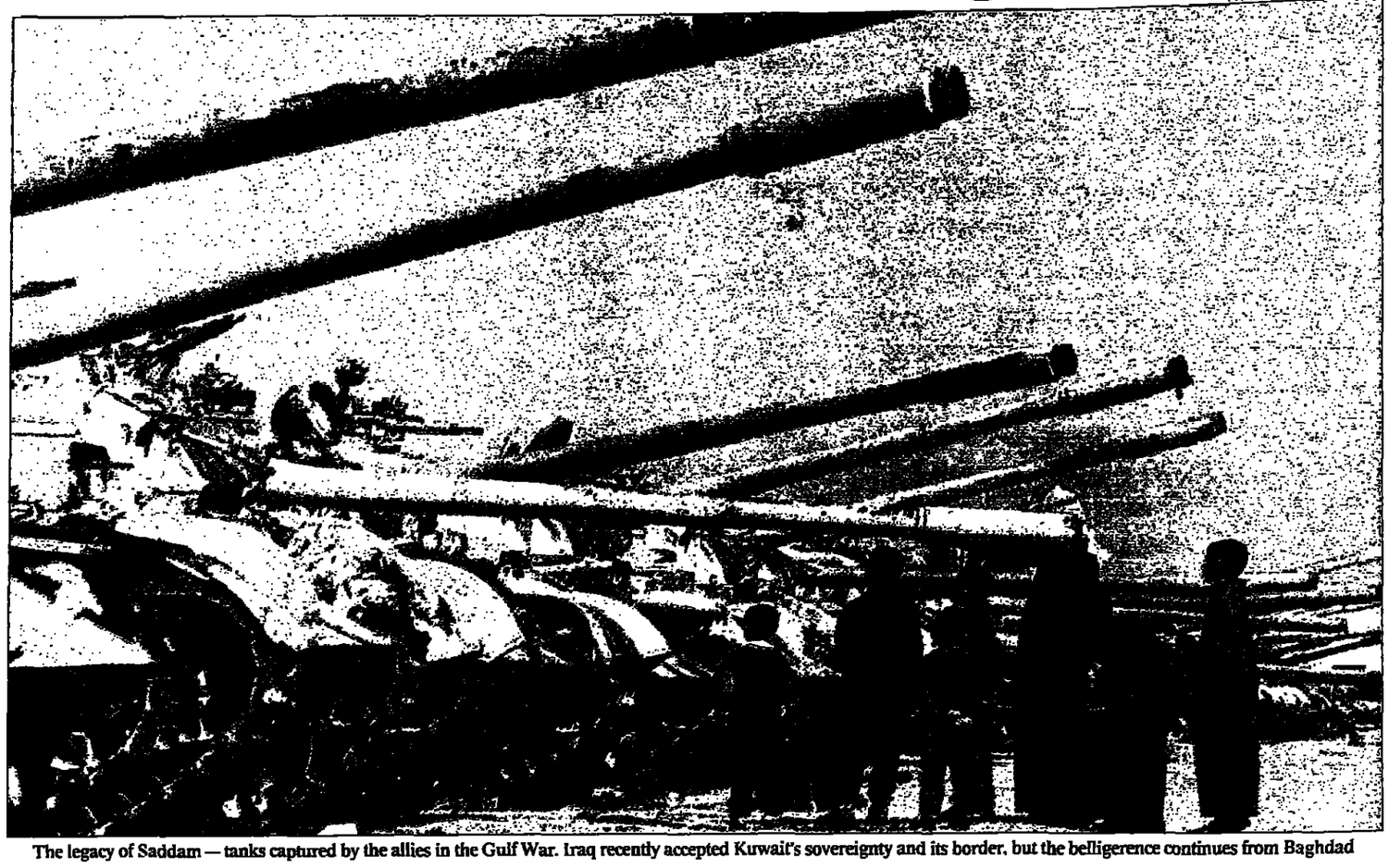
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The Emir of Kuwait arrives in Britain today on a state visit. In a three-page special report, **David Rudnick** looks at the aftermath of the Iraqi occupation

War still casts a long shadow

PATRICK DURAND / SYGMA



The legacy of Saddam — tanks captured by the allies in the Gulf War. Iraq recently accepted Kuwait's sovereignty and its border, but the belligerence continues from Baghdad

Four years after its liberation from Iraqi occupation, Kuwait is in many ways its old self again: sleek, poised and apparently as prosperous as ever. The scars that disfigured its battered buildings have entirely disappeared and, outwardly at least, everything is back to normal.

Some things have changed, however. The National Assembly, dissolved by the Emir in 1986 for being too outspoken in its opposition, was re-elected in 1992 and has once again become a forum for critics of the Government; and faced with the huge cost of liberating the country, Kuwait is discovering that it does not have unlimited funds.

Moreover, Saddam Hussein is still in power in Baghdad and still a threat, and the invisible scars of occupation remain in people's minds. "They will always be there, even if Kuwait's physical infrastructure has been repaired," says Professor Rasha al-Sabah, Under-Secretary at the Higher Education Ministry.

For the families of the hundreds of Kuwaitis seized during the occupation and since held prisoner in Iraq, the travail is in fact far from over. Some Kuwaiti detainees have simply disappeared. Amnesty International has taken up their case.

Until all Kuwaiti prisoners of war and missing persons are returned, and Iraq pays for damage done, in compliance with UN resolutions, Kuwait wants sanctions maintained. It is heartened by the support of its allies, particularly the unequivocal stance of the United States and Britain.

Iraq's recent, belated recognition of Kuwait's sovereignty and the border established by the UN is, of course, welcome, but Saddam Hussein's continuing belligerence is not. "His media still speak of revenge, bloodshed and revolution," says Sulaiman Majed al-Shaheen, an Under-Secretary in the Foreign Ministry.

Last October, Saddam's forces massed on Kuwait's border, as they had in August 1990, but this time the international response was immediate and decisive. So, too, was Kuwait's. "The Government handled the crisis impressively, maintaining confidence and enhancing its credibility," says Ahmed al-Kuraishi, political editor of the daily *Arab Times*.

In the long-term, however, Kuwait's own freedom of action has been seriously constrained. Previously, Kuwait had played a centre-stage role in regional and international affairs. As a leader of the non-aligned movement, it disbursed aid lavishly to win friends and influence. It pioneered normal diplomatic relations with Moscow well ahead of its Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) partners, and championed the Palestinian cause.

Now those expansive days are gone. The ever-present danger from Iraq imposes strict imperatives on Kuwait's foreign policy: rigid adherence to America and fealty to Saudi Arabia as the base for any future rescue operations.

Gone are any illusions about pan-Arab solidarity. "Before the invasion, we lived with rosy dreams that Arabs would not wage war on Arabs," says Mr al-Shaheen. "But now we are disabused."

After America, Kuwait sees Britain, France and Russia, the three other permanent members of the UN Security Council with which it has defence pacts, as its most reliable allies. Behind them come its five GCC partners (Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the United Arab Emirates) which, with Egypt and Syria, stood by Kuwait.

Jordan did not. The Hashemite kingdom's role is bitterly condemned by Kuwaiti officials as pusillanimous at best, treacherous at worst. They express understanding for the delicate balancing act King Husain has to perform between the Palestinians on the one hand and his Western and conservative Arab associates on the other. But they would have expected that he would show more courage and moral principle.

Nor has the emotional welcome which Saddam's troops received from Kuwait's Palestinian community been forgotten or forgiven. Officially, the Kuwaiti Government blames the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), rather than the Palestinians en masse. Unofficially, widespread popular resentment makes a return to Kuwait of the Palestinian diaspora, formerly half-a-million strong, highly unlikely. Barely 50,000 remain.

Kuwait is nevertheless supporting the peace process with a modest $25 million donation for the new Palestinian enclaves in Gaza and Jericho. The money is being channelled through the UN and the World Bank rather than the PLO.

Mr al-Shaheen acknowledges that Kuwait's dependence on America for its security places it in a position analogous to that of Israel. "We have no common border with the Israelis and nothing against them," he says. Kuwait is progressively abandoning its economic boycott of Israel, but it cannot go faster than the Arab consensus.

The long-term priority is to normalise relations with Iraq, even if there is no sign of its happening under the present Baghdad regime. "For a security system to work externally, it must rest on firm internal democratic foundations," says Mr al-Shaheen, "but Iraq cannot be trusted."

Kuwaiti Government spokesmen are nevertheless at pains to sound conciliatory towards Iraq. Nobody admits to favouring partition of the country. Nor are Kuwaiti officials prepared to admit disappointment that the allies failed to dislodge Saddam in 1991. In the Foreign Ministry view, Saddam will have his work cut out maintaining internal stability and keeping Iraq together, let alone starting another foreign adventure.

Kuwaitis are fond of pointing out that Iraq is intrinsically a fragile construction, put together as late as 1921, while their own tight little state goes back to 1751, when the al-Sabah family was originally elected to lead by tribal consensus.

This comfortable view is not necessarily supported by last October's probing exercise, which cost Kuwait dear. On some estimates, Kuwait's contribution to the allied response was $500 million. Figures from the International Institute for Strategic Studies show that since 1991 Kuwait has been the world's biggest per capita spender on arms.

Budget constraints are forcing some retrenchment, but in salaries and support rather than weapons procurement. The Foreign Ministry is confident, however, that Kuwait's security ultimately rests on its Western allies' awareness of the Gulf region as an economic and strategic priority.

Meanwhile the country is a showcase of parliamentary democracy in the Gulf, evidenced by the outspoken criticism of Government policies in the press and parliament. Officially, there are no political parties, but in practice, according to Mr al-Kuraishi, "Parliament is divided into Islamists, independents, Shiites and Beduin."

The 1992 election brought in an opposition-minded majority, but observers expect next year's poll to bring in a more pro-Government assembly as the débâcle of 1990 recedes into memory. Currently, five out of 16 members of Kuwait's Government are elected MPs; the rest are appointed by the Crown Prince/Prime Minister and then become ex-officio MPs. There are growing demands for a bigger parliamentary share, and that may have to be met before long.

The Kuwaiti Parliament is sometimes attacked as a mere stage for rival histrionics by impractical Islamic and secularist ideologues. But it is more than just a talking shop. Two years ago watchdog committees were set up to scrutinise government accounts and supervise the activities of the Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA). And last month a parliamentary inquiry claimed to have unearthed sleaze in the Defence Ministry.

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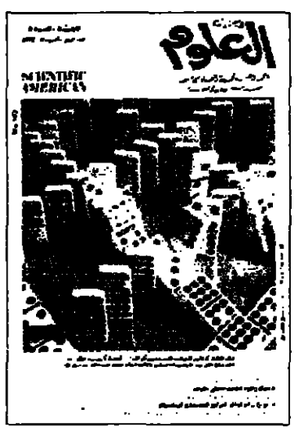
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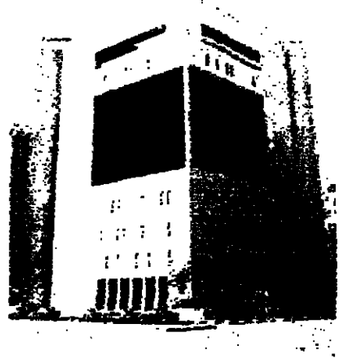
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A dose of economic realism

Tough decisions are needed to repair public finances in a country used to high welfare spending

Kuwait's oil reserves, and its overseas investments over the years, have ensured that it remains one of the world's wealthiest countries, offering its citizens the benefits of a lavish welfare state. But the costs of expelling the Iraqis and of rebuilding the country have torn a large hole in Kuwait's public finances, and it faces a serious budget deficit. Lower oil prices and a sharp fall in the value of the petro-dollar have not helped.

The Government's long-term aim is to balance its budget, which now has a deficit of 1.5 billion Kuwaiti dinars (£3.1 billion), by 2000, but opinions differ on the realism of this timetable. Ali Rashaid al-Bader, managing director of the Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA), believes it is attainable "if the Government raises its ridiculously low charges on public utilities" — a step supported by parliament's finance committee.

The Government's 1995-96 draft budget, approved at the end of last month by the Cabinet, projects revenues rising by 14 per cent, based mainly on oil prices firming at the same rate. Projected oil revenue assumes an average crude price of $13 a barrel, rather than $12 as in the current budget.

"Four dollars on the price of a barrel of Brent crude (the benchmark) would remove all the need for belt-tightening," Mr al-Bader says wistfully. But as things stand, the draft budget envisages a swingeing cut of almost 35 per cent in the deficit.

Commercial banking circles, as usual, take a somewhat sceptical view. In its latest quarterly review, the National Bank of Kuwait accepts that the budget is "a step in the right direction". But it adds: "More serious efforts need to be made to reduce the major spending categories." Ideally, state spending cuts should focus first on bloated public-sector salaries.

Dr Ismail al-Shatti, chairman of Parliament's finance committee, lashes the unproductive performance of government employees. He reckons that they work for less than two hours a day, that the Government employs three times as many people (150,000) as it needs, and that if nothing is done they will ruin the exchequer.

The drain of public-sector salaries comfortably exceeds the sums which Nasser Abdulla al-Rodhan, the Finance Minister, says the Government spends subsidising water (KD64 million), electricity (KD200 million), and free medical services (KD276 million).

Defence spending, kept off-budget in the past, is set for a 7.7 per cent cut, though it will still form 20 per cent of all projected public spending, and officials insist that economies will not affect basic security needs. Spending on development projects is to be trimmed by 5 per cent.

On the revenue side, direct taxation remains politically taboo. The local culture would make disclosure of investment income almost unenforceable, while taxing only wages and salaries would be condemned as inequitable. But indirect taxes and higher customs duties could be in the pipeline, and so could corporation tax. Kuwaiti-owned companies are still completely tax-exempt, unlike foreign-owned concerns, which are liable to a punitive top rate of 55 per cent on profits.

To help to balance the books, the Government is planning a programme of privatisation, following a strategy suggested by the World Bank. It has accepted all the bank's recommendations, but excluded the commanding heights of the oil sector. Leaving that aside, the value of state shareholdings to be privatised comes to about KD3.6 billion (£7.4 billion), including KD2.2 billion in water and electric power facilities, KD420 million in Kuwait Airways, and KD800 million representing KIA holdings in some 60 companies.

The sell-off of KIA companies started last September with the successful disposal of shares in the Commercial Facilities Company. Since then the KIA has sold a further five companies, including the auction in December of most of its shares in Al-Ahli Bank. Mr al-Bader says the KIA has to date disposed of about KD120 million of the KD800 million of its assets scheduled for privatisation.

Telecommunications privatisation is also under way. The World Bank favours the transfer of public assets to a new Kuwait Telecommunications Company, and the sale of a controlling block of its shares to a foreign telephone company. The Kuwaitis, however, might prefer to keep financial control with their own citizens, with a maximum 25 per cent share for foreign companies.

The privatisation of water and electricity will present a political problem if, as expected, charges have to rise to commercial levels and replace the present heavily subsidised rates. One senior commercial bank economist sees a decision being indefinitely delayed. "It's not politically feasible," he says. "The leap in prices is too great, and so is the likely unemployment, unless the private sector can absorb the shake-out." But public-sector employees, he adds ominously, are not known for their productivity.

Privatising part of the health service should prove an easier nut to crack. The Government is considering the introduction of fees for some minor medical services, and it intends privatising some hospitals and turning them over to foreign management.



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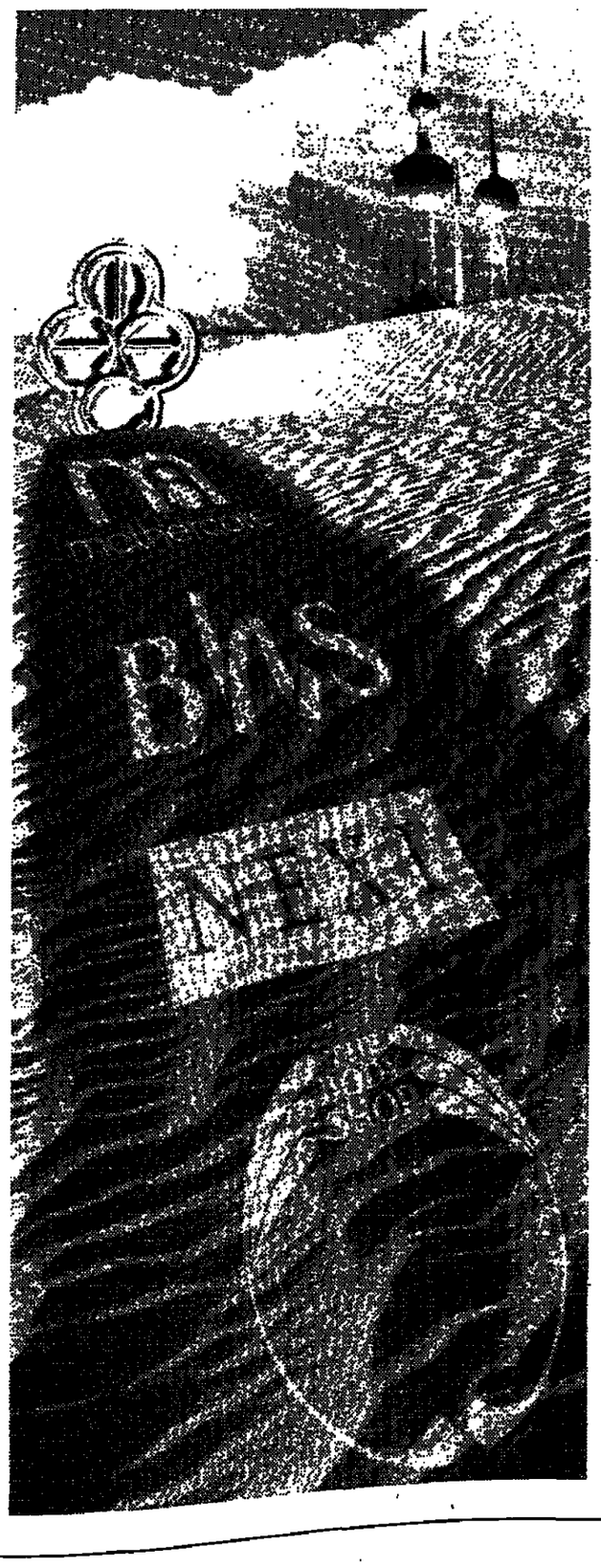
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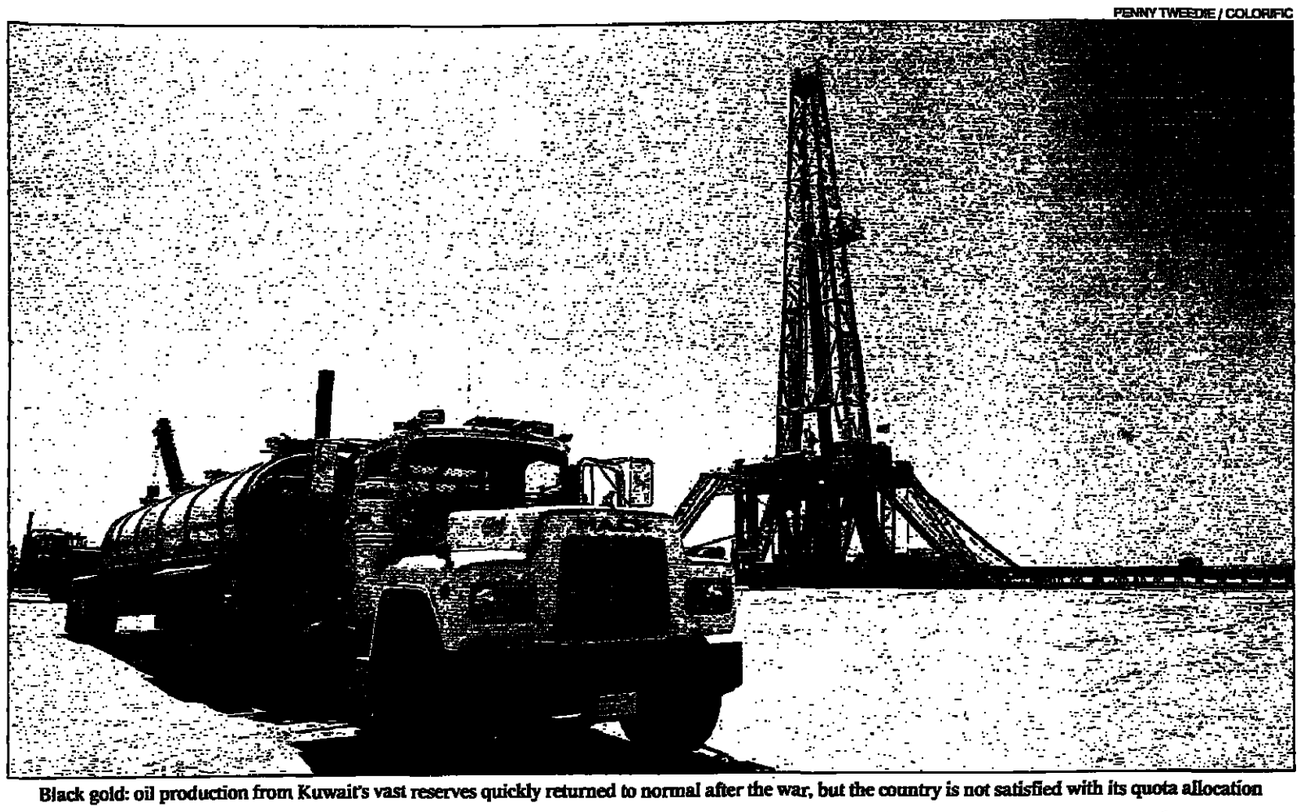
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Black gold: oil production from Kuwait's vast reserves quickly returned to normal after the war, but the country is not satisfied with its quota allocation

Rolling out the barrels

The Kuwaiti Government is seeking to answer economic problems by increasing the output of oil

Oil dominates Kuwait's economy. Oil income provides the Government with 90 per cent of its revenue (the balance coming from overseas investment), and contributes more than 50 per cent to the gross domestic product (GDP). Kuwait's proven recoverable oil reserves are put at around 95 billion barrels, 10 per cent of the world total.

Iraq tried to cripple Kuwait by blowing up more than 700 well-heads, causing the loss of about six million barrels of oil a day (bpd). Fortunately, with Western help, the fires were speedily put out, and Kuwait began exporting oil again within nine months of liberation. But the loss from oil ignited and spilt was $50-$60 billion, and the fire-fighting cost a further $2 billion.

Production is now back at its pre-invasion level of two million bpd, but Kuwait is dissatisfied with that as its quota allocation under the rules of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec), and it will press strongly for an increase to 2.12 million bpd at the organisation's review meeting in November.

Kuwait is aiming to develop a minimum 2.5 million bpd capacity over the next few years, rising to three million bpd by early in the next century.

Yet on most projections the oil price will remain static in real terms. "That is precisely why we have to raise our oil revenue through increased output volumes," says Nader Sultan, deputy chairman of the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC), the holding company for Kuwait's oil interests. He adds that Kuwait will also have to clean up its act if it is to ensure a reasonable share of the market growth, which will be for environmentally clean transport fuels rather than the country's indigenous sour crude.

That means sizeable investment in refinery capacity. Mr Sultan envisages increasing it by roughly 25 per cent, to just below one million bpd, in addition to developing about 400,000 bpd of new capacity in refining joint ventures outside Kuwait, mainly in Asia.

Cutting operating costs through improved efficiency is another priority. So KPC is collaborating with the oil majors to identify opportunities for savings. "We are seeing the fruits of this cooperation from our technical service agreements with BP and Chevron," Mr Sultan says.

These two companies owned Kuwait's oil industry before its nationalisation 20 years ago, and would welcome a direct stake in future production and exploration. Any foreign control of Kuwait's national treasure is a sensitive political issue, but the cost savings offered in raising capacity by about 50 per cent might well be more persuasive than residual nationalist scruples.

It might also be argued that national security would be enhanced if Western oil interests were involved in opening up fields near the Iraqi border.

Meanwhile the situation is already developing downstream. The Petroleum Industries Company, a KPC subsidiary, has embarked on a new petrochemical project for an ethylene cracker to be built jointly with Union Carbide.

Mr Sultan sees privatisation as another possible catalyst for enhancing efficiency. A recommendation by the World Bank that 25 per cent of KPC should be privatised has, however, been rejected by the Kuwaiti authorities. Instead, they favour privatising some KPC subsidiaries: the Oil Tanker Company, the Foreign Petroleum Exploration Company and the Aviation Fuelling Company. KPC has already put up for sale the oil and gas exploration operations of Santa Fe International Corporation, its Texas-based subsidiary.

But the privatisation of petrol stations has probably excited most public interest. According to one industry analyst, some petrol stations have such a low sales volume that they would not be business propositions, while others have a daily turnover as high as 600,000 litres and customers queuing for half an hour.

Another issue is the low price of petrol. To attract private investors, prices would have to be increased sharply, and that is an inflammable prospect which the Government may prefer to duck.

Tradition holds the cultural balance

In an increasingly liberal society, the people of Kuwait have not forgotten their Islamic roots

Kuwait is a notably more liberal society than some others in the Gulf, and the war and liberation have prised the lid open even further. Kuwait's rulers take a pragmatic approach to the conflicting pressures of tradition and modernity. Balance is the watchword.

Out of respect for Islam, alcohol is forbidden, the constitution recognises a role for *Sharia* (Islamic law), and women cannot vote or stand for parliament.

But that is only half the picture. Islamists may have 60 per cent of the seats in parliament, but they are losing the battle to impose Islamic norms. Last year a Cabinet reshuffle reduced their strength in the Government, and they failed in a move to make *Sharia* the sole source of law. Their Bill to outlaw co-education and impose segregation at Kuwait University was opposed by the university board and defeated.

Legislation enforces equal opportunities for all Kuwaiti citizens regardless of sex, and Professor Rasha al-Sabah, Under-Secretary at the Higher Education Ministry, estimates that two-thirds of the student body are female. "Women are found as doctors, lawyers, civil servants and engineers," she says. "The first woman has just been appointed editor-in-chief of the influential daily, *Al Anba*."

Not only is Professor al-Sabah herself Kuwait's first woman Under-Secretary, but since 1993 a woman has been appointed Rector of Kuwait University, and women have been sent as ambassadors to Zimbabwe and South Africa.

Professor al-Sabah readily concedes that women's liberation is still incomplete, however. She agrees that there may be some truth in the belief that even liberals secretly oppose the female franchise on the grounds that women would docilely vote the way their conservative husbands told them.

But there are other voices. "Women are too immature to vote. Scholars will pronounce eventually on their fitness to sit in parliament," says Dr Ayub al-Ayub, deputy chairman of the Supreme Consultative Committee for the Implementation of *Sharia*.

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Women are making their voices heard

A relaxed, urbane graduate of Hull University, Dr Ayub epitomises the duality of Kuwaiti society. He rebuts any suggestion that Kuwait might emulate Saudi Arabia's strict Islamic code. At the same time he denies that the committee was set up by the al-Sabah family as a sop to militant Islamic pressure.

Yet there is tension between the advance of Western hedonism and the cultural reaction that finds a focus in Islam. Ahmed al-Kuraishi, political editor of the *Arab Times*, the militant secular daily, believes the ruling family sees itself threatened by Islamic fundamentalists "since they are opposed to Kuwait's Western allies and protectors".

Mr al-Kuraishi finds, though, that in practice the Government is distancing itself at every turn from the Islamists by, for example, giving the Education Ministry to Dr Ahmed al-Rubia, the liberal secularist, "who has taken out the political context of Islamic studies and removed from school textbooks anything which might be derogatory to Jews or Zionism".

Like any rapidly changing society, however, Kuwait clings to ancient customs as lodestars in an uncertain world. Devout women drivers cannot understand, for instance, why they should not wear their veil at the wheel. Modest women medical students insisted on going veiled into their practical examinations until someone thought of a medical face-mask as a compromise.

Even a modernist like Professor al-Sabah, who runs her own *divanniyah*, or discussion salon, wonders whether "we shouldn't be more selective in what we take from the West. We don't need drugs and free sex. We should keep reverence for the family. Grandparents shouldn't be banished into old-age homes since they provide the pole holding up the tent."

Rising crime and divorce rates and fear of an emerging drug-culture lead many people to worry about the direction Kuwait could be taking. They lend credibility to Islamic calls for a return to righteousness.

BRITAIN AND KUWAIT

CENTURIES OF FRIENDSHIP

Britain and Kuwait have enjoyed an enduring and friendly association for more than 200 years.

The relationship first began to flourish when the British Factory, a semi-official British trading company, temporarily transferred to Kuwait from Basra in 1793. The move was made in order to avoid problems with officials of the Ottoman Empire in Basra.

Kuwait was already a thriving trading port. During the second half of the eighteenth century trading ships from Europe, India and Arabia diverted to Kuwait to avoid attacks by pirates on the Shatt Al-Arab in Iraq.

A British traveller to the Gulf recorded in 1816 that Kuwait: "seems always to have perserved its independence and the people.. have the highest character for probity, skill, firmness and courage."

In 1821 the English East India Company moved its trading post to Kuwait, which was independent of the Ottoman Empire, in order to escape the growing list of bureaucratic controls and customs duties in Basra which were severely hindering trade.

The first official agreement between Britain and Kuwait was signed in 1841. Under this Anglo-Kuwaiti Maritime Truce the two countries co-operated to counter the menace of piracy in the region so that long-distance trade could flourish.

That year the British Resident in the Arabian Gulf reported: "This town (Kuwait) presents a singular instance of commercial prosperity although wanting in almost every advantage excepting its magnificent harbour... The government of Shaikh Jabir is of a truly mild and paternal character. The revenue realised by him is expended in keeping up a sort of public table of food of a plentiful description to which everyone appears to be welcome. This liberality together with the utter absence of all pretension of outward superiority, renders Shaikh Jabir and his son Soobah most popular among his subjects."

Kuwait's greatest threat came from the neighbouring Ottoman Empire which made several attempts at gaining control of the country. The British Political Agent in Basra reported: "Rather than submit to a Turkish Government at Kuwait" the Kuwaiti people would resist to the last.

Britain fully committed itself to the defence of Kuwait in an agreement signed on 23 January 1899, during the reign of Shaikh Mubarak. This agreement sealed the friendship between the two countries, and since that day, for nearly 100 years, Britain has committed itself to the defence of Kuwait.

Under the 1899 Treaty Britain became responsible for Kuwait's international independence and protection but would not interfere in its internal affairs. At the time there was concern about a plan by Germany and the Ottoman Empire for a railway link from Berlin to the Gulf in which they saw Kuwait as the ideal terminus on the Gulf.

In February 1901 the Ottoman sixth army corps under Muhammad Pasha Daghestani moved to Kuwait's northern borders. Later that year the Turkish warship Zuhaff twice sailed into Kuwait's port with troops but they were prevented from disembarking by the British. In December 1901 and January 1902 extra British gunboats were sent to Kuwait and the town of Jahra, north of Kuwait, was reinforced with heavy British armaments including Nordenfeldts and Maxims to prevent invasion and to help maintain Kuwaiti independence.

The relationship developed further in 1903 when improved postal communications between Kuwait and Britain were established. In August 1904 the British government appointed its own official representative to the state, Captain S. G. Knox. Britain also became involved in making detailed surveys of Kuwaiti territory on both land and sea during the period 1904-1907.

A young Dane visiting Kuwait in 1912 recorded: "Shaikh Mubarak permitted only British steamers to call at Kuwait, and had turned down the request of a German shipping firm to open an agency there."

During the First World War the Ottoman Empire sided with the Germans. In an official letter to Shaikh Mubarak dated November 3 1914 Britain confirmed that Kuwait was "an independent Shaikhdom" under British Protection.

In the early 1930s the British Anglo-Persian Oil Company sent a representative to Kuwait to negotiate a concession to explore for oil. At the time Kuwait's economy which had centred around trade and pearl fishing, had been badly hit by the international economic depression. The Kuwait Oil Company was formed in 1934, registered as a joint enterprise with the Anglo-Persian Oil Company — now British Petroleum. Following this agreement the Amir, Shaikh Ahmad, visited London in 1935 bringing with him a generous gift for Queen Mary — a perfectly round and flawless pearl, the largest ever found in the Gulf.

Oil was finally discovered on February 22, 1938 when a gusher was found sending an uncontrollable cascade of oil soaring into the desert air.

Drilling for oil was suspended during the Second World War. After the war the development of Kuwait's oil industry began in earnest, changing the country into a sophisticated modern state.

The 1899 Treaty was repealed when Kuwait obtained its independence in 1961 which gave Kuwait back responsibility for its international affairs, but maintained a relationship of military co-operation and assistance.

Immediately following the signing of this Treaty, the then Iraqi dictator General Qassem, claimed that Kuwait was part of Iraq. Britain sprang to Kuwait's defence deploying troops to the State which were later replaced by Arab League troops. Incursion by Iraq was prevented.

In 1979 the Queen and Prince Philip made a State Visit to Kuwait as the guests of the present Amir.

In August 1990, under the dictatorship of Saddam Hussein, Iraq invaded Kuwait. Britain, once more demonstated the strength of its historical alliance with Kuwait. British troops played a pivotal role in the successful liberation of Kuwait by coalition forces.

The last five years have seen the strengthening of traditional ties between Britain and Kuwait.

Defence pacts between Britain and Kuwait have been signed and Britain has consistently supported Kuwait in the UN by voting for the continuation of UN sanctions against Iraq until Iraq complies with all UN resolutions including the release of 625 civilian detainees and prisoners of war taken during the occupation of Kuwait and still held prisoner in Iraq.

In 1993 Prince Charles visited Kuwait and the Amir bestowed on him the Mubarak The Great Medal, the country's highest honour, in recognition of Britain's contribution during the Gulf War to liberate Kuwait.

When Saddam Hussein again threatened Kuwait in October 1994 by massing troops near the border, Britain again responded instantly, as part of a combined coalition force.

Britain and Kuwait continue to be important trading partners. In 1993 Kuwait sold £236 million worth of exports to Britain and in return Britain exported over £311 million worth of goods to Kuwait.

The State Visit of His Highness Shaikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait, from 23 to 26 May is the latest evidence of the enduring warmth of the relationship between Britain and Kuwait.

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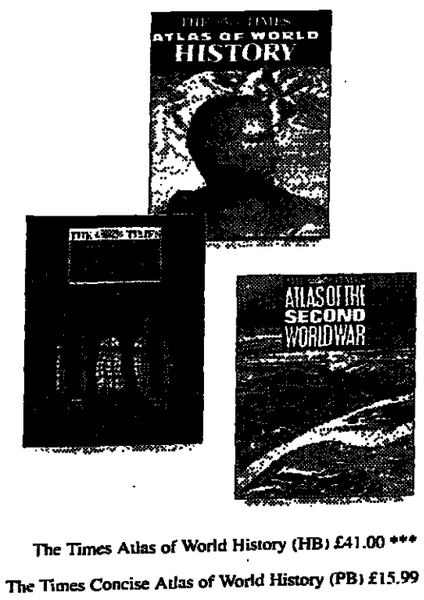
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The dressing down from Betty Boothroyd was delivered after Sir Jerry Wiggin escaped an investigation and almost certain heavy punishment by the Privileges Committee after giving a full apology to the House for his behaviour. He had used another Tory MP's name to table an amendment to a Bill in which he had a financial interest ..... **Pages 1, 2, 10**

Mother who lied freed from jail

■ A mother of three, who was jailed for two months for lying to police about a car accident to protect her husband, had an emotional reunion with her children after her sentence was quashed by the court of appeal ..... **Page 1**

Calculated risk

An inquiry into the use of calculators in schools was ordered by education advisers. The move follows concern that pupils are neglecting basic arithmetic.. **Page 1**

Blair tax promise

Tony Blair gave his clearest signal that he would not allow tax rates under a Labour government to rise higher than the international average ..... **Pages 2, 10**

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Almost a million NHS workers are poised to take industrial action after Unison, representing nurses, ambulance crews, and clerical and ancillary workers, rejected a pay offer ..... **Page 2**

Cave woman mystery

Six weeks after an English-speaking woman was found starving in a cave on the coast of Cyprus, her identity remains a mystery to the island's authorities who suspect she is on the run ..... **Page 3**

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Britain's first war crimes trial could be held early next year. Detectives are taking statements as Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-General, studies files on a former Polish citizen ..... **Page 5**

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■ George Mallory has reached the summit of Everest, 71 years after his grandfather, George Leigh Mallory, disappeared leaving unanswered the question: were he and Andrew Irvine the first men to conquer the highest point on earth? Young Mallory, aged 35, from Melbourne, Australia, carried the family name to the summit on May 14 ..... **Page 1**

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Dummy run: Catering students on the Isle of Wight rehearsing for the summer season by serving mannequins at Arreton Manor

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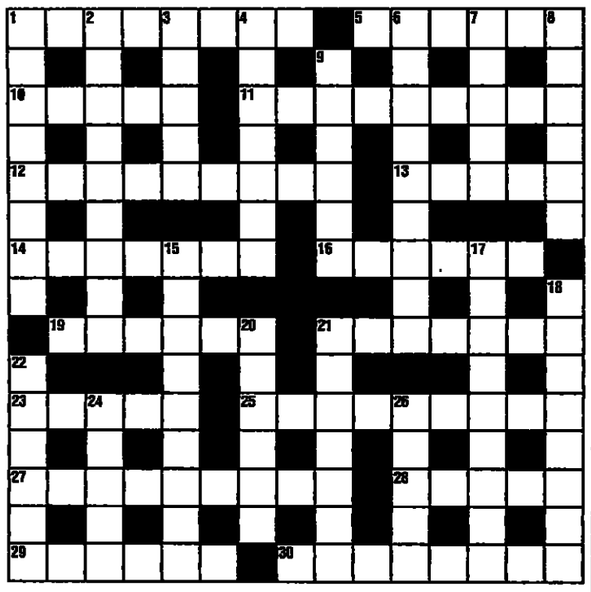
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Jersey, Channel Islands, 20C (68F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Capel Wrath, Highland, 0.43in; highest sunshine: Southend, Essex, 12.6hr.

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will start bright with some sunshine. However, cloud will increase during the day, especially in the north and west, with the best of the sunshine in the southeast. It will be largely dry, apart from isolated showers in the north and west. Western Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudy with outbreaks of rain for much of the day. Drier weather should edge in from the west later. Eastern Scotland will start bright but become increasingly cloudy with the chance of light rain or drizzle later.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Central N:** dry and bright with hazy sunshine. Wind southeast mainly light. Very warm. Max 23C (73F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England:** bright start but becoming more cloudy. Mainly dry. Wind south or southeast moderate. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** bright start but becoming more cloudy. Chance of light rain or drizzle later. Wind south moderate. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** cloudy with outbreaks of rain. Becoming drier later. Wind south moderate. Max 14C (57F).

Outlook: cloud and rain clearing eastwards to be replaced by more showery conditions.

☐ **Pollen count:** Scotland L; Northern England L; Northern Ireland L; Midlands M; East Anglia M; Wales M; South East M; South West M; London L.
M=moderate L=low.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Anglesey	3.3	-	14	57	b
Aspatria	6.2	-	15	59	b
Aviemore	8.4	-	16	61	b
Belfast	1.6	0.03	13	55	r
Birmingham	1.7	-	16	61	c
Bognor R	11.3	-	17	63	s
Bournem'th	11.2	-	16	61	s
Bristol	6.2	-	17	63	b
Buxton	3.2	-	13	55	b
Cardiff	8.4	-	16	61	s
Clacton	5.8	-	13	55	s
Cleethorpes	3.4	-	14	57	b
Colwyn Bay	5.8	-	16	61	s
Cromer	8.4	-	11	52	s
Doncaster	0.9	-	16	61	c
Dunbar	3.1	-	15	59	c
Eastbourne	11.2	-	15	59	s
Edinburgh	5.3	-	17	63	b
Eskdalemuir	4.2	-	14	57	b
Exmouth	10.7	-	13	55	s
Falmouth	X	-	17	63	b
Fishguard	5.2	-	14	57	b
Folkestone	6.7	-	14	57	s
Glasgow	5.7	-	16	61	b
Guernsey	X				
Hastings	11.0	-	14	57	s
Hayling I.	6.1	-	15	59	s
Herne Bay	5.5	-	15	59	b
Hove	10.1	-	16	61	s
Hunstanton	2.5	-	13	55	c
Ilfracombe	X				
Isle of Man	X				
Jersey	12.4	-	17	63	s
Kinloss	10.1	-	18	64	b
Leeds	0.5	-	16	61	c
Lerwick	5.5	-	9	48	b
Lauchars	X				
Littlehmptn	10.4	-	16	61	s
Liverpool	0.6	-	15	59	c
London	4.4	-	16	61	b
Lowestoft	5.8	-	12	54	s
Manchester	0.4	-	15	59	c
Margate	5.2	-	15	59	s
Minehead	4.3	-	16	61	b
Morecambe	4.3	-	15	59	c
Newcastle	3.0	-	15	59	b
Newquay	6.4	-	14	57	b
Norwich	5.7	-	13	55	s
Nottingham	X				
Oxford	1.7	-	16	61	b
Penzance	2.0	-	14	57	c
Plymouth	10.1	-	15	59	s
Poole	10.7	-	17	63	s
Prestatyn	X	-	16	61	b
Ross-o-wye	9.6	-	17	63	b
Ryde	5.5	-	16	61	s
Salcombe	11.1	-	14	57	s
Sandown	5.4	-	17	63	s
Sauntn Snd	10.0	-	15	59	s
Scarboro'	2.6	-	11	52	c
Scilly Isles	X				
Shanklin	7.3	-	16	61	s
Shrewsbury	0.7	-	16	61	c
Skegness	2.0	-	13	55	c
Southend	X	-	14	57	c
Southport	0.5	-	15	59	c
Southsea	6.3	-	15	59	s
Stornoway	5.9	0.07	12	54	c
Swanage	13.1	-	14	57	s
Teignmouth	10.4	-	15	59	s
Tenby	4.8	-	13	55	c
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Weymouth	10.2	-	15	59	s

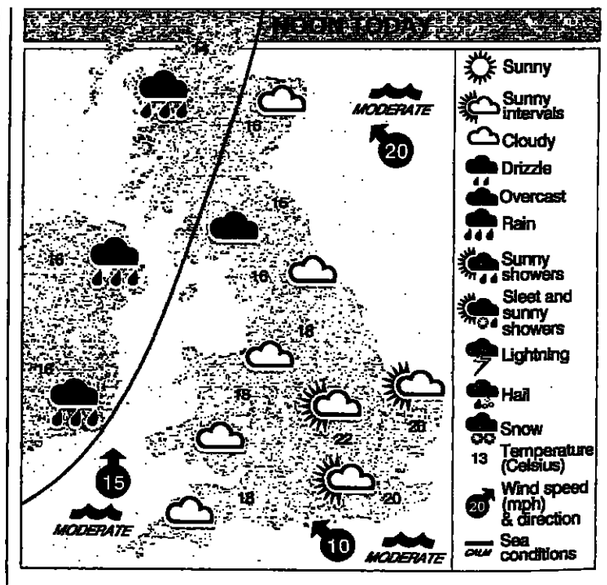
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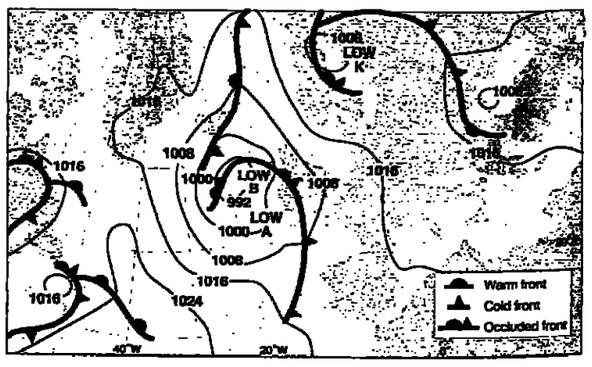
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Akrotiri	33	91	s	Corfu	21	70	f	Majorca	24	75	s	Rome	19	66	s
Alex'dria	26	79	s	Dublin	13	55	r	Malaga	22	72	s	Salzburg	16	61	f
Algiers	24	75	s	Dubrovnik	19	66	s	Malta	21	70	s	S F'isco	14	57	c
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Athens	23	73	f	Florence	20	68	f	Mexico C	27	81	s	S Paulo	17	63	f
Bahrain	35	95	s	Frankfurt	17	63	f	Miami	31	88	f	Seoul	20	68	f
Bangkok	36	97	s	Funchal	23	73	s	Milan	20	68	s	Sing'por	32	90	t
Barbados	31	88	s	Geneva	18	61	s	Montreal	21	70	s	St'kholm	9	48	f
Barcelona	20	68	s	Gibraltar	21	70	s	Moscow	23	73	f	Strasb'rg	19	66	s
Beirut	25	77	s	Helsinki	10	50	c	Munich	14	57	c	Sydney	17	63	c
Belgrade	10	50	r	Hong K	25	77	f	Nairobi	-	--		Tangier	24	75	s
Berlin	15	59	s	Innsbrck	15	59	f	Naples	18	64	s	Tel Aviv	30	86	s
Bermuda	22	72	c	Istanbul	23	73	f	N Delhi	37	99	s	Tenerife	24	75	s
Biarritz	26	79	s	Jeddah	36	97	s	N York	28	82	s	Tokyo	23	73	c
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Cairo	34	93	s	Lisbon	24	75	s	Perth	18	64	c	Venice	20	68	s
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Chicago	19	66	s	L Angels	15	59	c	Reykjavik	11	52	s	Warsaw	12	54	s
Ch'church	-	--		Luxembg	17	63	f	Rhodes	30	86	s	Wash'ton	27	81	f
Cologne	18	64	s	Luxor	41	106	s	Rio de J	21	70	f	Zurich	17	63	s

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NOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: Low A will move slowly with little change in pressure. Low B will push north and fill. Low K will edge northeast and fill.



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Aberdeen	6:28	3.53	9:27	3.51	Liverpool	6.05	8.07	6.50	7.78
Avonmouth	1:42	10.89	2:16	10.85	Lowestoft	4.57	2.19	4:49	2.13
Belfast	6.11	3.18	6.59	2.99	Margate	7:11	4.16	7:29	4.11
Cardiff	1:39	9.88	2:10	9.79	Milford Haven	0.57	5.77	1:37	5.49
Devonport	0:22	4.85	1.06	4.48	Newquay	--	--	0:37	5.40
Dover	6.19	5.58	6:34	5.75	Oban	0:57	3.10	1:47	2.79
Dublin	6:42	3.77	7:42	3.61	Penzance	--	--	0.13	4.31
Falmouth	0:02	4.47	0:41	4.11	Portland	0:54	1.55	1:52	1.46
Glasgow	7:13	4.11	7:46	4.04	Portsmouth	6:11	3.90	6:58	4.15
Harwich	6:39	3.57	6:58	3.43	Shoreham	6:10	4.95	6.49	5.21
Holyhead	5:18	4.79	6:20	4.54	Southampton	5.50	3.77	6:34	4.05
Hull	1:23	6.16	1:22	6.35	Swansea	0:54	7.78	1:29	7.48
Ilfracombe	0.34	7.64	1:10	7.27	Tees	10:45	4.70	11:28	4.58
King's Lynn	1:07	5.25	1:32	5.54	W'ton-on-Nze	6.41	3.69	6:55	3.58

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 4.69 am
Sun sets: 8.57 pm
Moon sets 2.51 pm
Moon rises 2.22 am

London 8.57 pm to 4.58 am
Bristol 9.06 pm to 5.08 am
Edinburgh 9.33 pm to 4.46 am
Manchester 9.15 pm to 4.56 am
Penzance 9.12 pm to 5.25 am

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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — TUESDAY MAY 23 1995

Members vote for first stage of move to £9bn bank

Halifax and Leeds to merge

By Sara McConnell

ASADOUR GUZELIAN



Jon Foulds, chairman of the Halifax, left, with Mike Blackburn, yesterday before the result of the merger vote with the Leeds was announced

MEMBERS of the Halifax and Leeds Permanent yesterday voted overwhelmingly in favour of a merger between the two building societies. This was the first hurdle on the road to a stock market flotation, and the creation of a £9 billion bank to be called The Halifax.

Savers and borrowers of the two societies stand to gain an average of £500 to £600 each in a free share issue after a stock market flotation that could take place by the beginning of 1997. The merged group would then become a public company with assets of £90 billion and be consistent with the Halifax's stated aim of being the biggest provider of personal financial services in the UK.

The merger will take effect from August 1, provided the Building Societies Commission approves the deal.

Members of both societies were sceptical that the merger, which would create the third-biggest bank in the UK, would benefit them rather than the senior executives of the society. Ken Torode, a saver and borrower of The Leeds, called on the board to answer rumours that the merger would make Mike Blackburn, the Halifax's chief executive, a millionaire, and senior executives rich with share options.

Malcolm Barr, chairman of the Leeds, said there has never been any excessive greed on the part of Leeds executives and this would continue.

Serge Lourie, founder of the Halifax Action Group, which claims to have signed up hundreds of Halifax customers, said before the special meeting: "In our opinion, the merger is not going to benefit investors, borrowers or staff. The timetable is far too slow and we have been inundated with inquiries from investors who resent the fact that their money is going to be 'locked-up' for as much as up to two years."

Mr Lourie fears redundancies: "There is a clear overlap of branches. I am absolutely certain that a very substantial impact on branches and staff will follow through after the conversion to a public company." A total of 1.2 million Halifax savers, 97.7 per cent of those voting, were in favour of the merger and only 30,000 were against. Of Halifax borrowers, 402,000 voted in favour, 97.6 per cent of those voting. A total of 10,000 voted against. At the Leeds, 548,000 savers, 95 per cent of those voting, were in favour. Of borrowers, 124,000, 94 per cent of those who voted, approved the merger. Both societies strongly rejected claims that the turnout was low and therefore unrepresentative of the membership as a whole.

Just over a quarter of eligible Leeds members voted and only one in six Halifax members. Mr Barr, said he regarded the turnout as good. He said: "The voting turnout was high, the highest we normally get is 3 per cent for voting for board members." Under the Building Society's Act, 75 per cent of investing members who vote and a majority of borrowing members who vote have to approve a merger.

Members will have to wait for the merged society to convert to a public company, which will involve a second vote. Savers with more than £100 in their account on the qualifying date of November 25, 1994, will get a basic allocation of shares, expected to be about £500. On top of this, savers with balances of between £1,000 and £50,000 who have been with either society for more than two years stand to get an extra bonus based on the balance in the account. Savers who are members of both societies will have the balances in their accounts merged and the bonus calculated on the total.

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BA has to write down USAir stake

By Martin Waller

BRITISH AIRWAYS has been forced to write down by half the value of its 24.6 per cent investment in USAir, the loss-making American carrier now in the throes of a complicated cost-cutting programme being thrashed out with the unions.

BA has long resisted pressure to reduce the value of its stake in USAir, even though that company's own auditor has cast doubt on its ability to continue in business. One other significant investor, Warren Buffett, the American stock market guru, has already accepted that his holding has lost much of its value over the past couple of years.

The writedown of £125 million left a huge dent in full-year figures from BA that otherwise featured record passengers and cargo being carried by the airline. BA announced pre-tax profits in the year to March 31 of £327 million, up £47 million on the restated figures for the previous year. Without the USAir provision, the rise would have been of 61 per cent to £452 million.

The figures left BA shares sharply lower, off 15p to 409p in spite of a dividend slightly ahead of market forecasts. BA is making a final payment of 8.9p, giving a total of 12.4p (11.1p), paid out of earnings before exceptionals of 39.3p.

The one-off provision to cover the writedown pushed BA into a £102 million loss before tax in the last quarter of its financial year, against profits of £9 million a year previously. But the BA board put a brave face on the decision to cut the value of the holding, bought for $400 million two years ago.

Sir Colin Marshall, the chairman, said the decision stemmed from USAir's suspension of dividends and a change in US accounting rules that required such a writedown on any diminution of value that was "less than temporary".

It would not have been necessary under UK accounting law. "It is ironic that it is happening at a moment in time when USAir certainly appears to be well on the way to turning the corner," Sir Colin said.

Derek Stevens, the finance director, described the writedown as "a technical adjustment". Sir Colin added: "We continue to believe very strongly in the long-term future of USAir."

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BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3284.5	(+23.5)
Yield	4.19%	
FT-SE A All share	1614.90	(+9.12)
Nikkei	15789.12	(-351.73)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4378.95	(+35.62)*
S&P Composite	522.27	(+3.08)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	6%*	(5¾%)
Long Bond	108[15/16]*	(108[13/16])
Yield	6.91%*	(6.92%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth interbank	6¾%	(6[15/16]%)
Lifte long gilt future (Jun)	106[7/16]	(106[1/16])

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5745*	(1.5705)
London:		
$	1.5729	(1.5735)
DM	2.2655	(2.2627)
FFr	8.0290	(8.0320)
SFr	1.8870	(1.8890)
Yen	137.53	(138.50)
£ Index	85.0	(84.9)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4403*	(1.4442)
FFr	5.1045*	(5.1145)
SFr	1.1985*	(1.2038)
Yen	87.48*	(86.80)
$ Index	90.4	(89.8)

Tokyo close Yen 87.24

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Aug) $18.06 ($18.10)

GOLD

London close..... $382.55 ($383.25)

* denotes midday trading price

British Gas cleared over direct debits

BRITISH GAS has been cleared of discriminating in favour of customers who pay by direct debit, after an investigation by Ofgas showed the company made similar profits from each class of customer (Ross Tieman writes).

However, Ofgas rejects claims by British Gas that prepayment customers are unprofitable. According to Ofgas, Public Gas Supply, an arm of British Gas, makes a 3 per cent profit margin on the gas it buys and sells on to Britain's households. The margin, equal to £11 per home, gives the company's Public Gas Supply (PGS) arm annual profits of around £200 million.

In a report published yesterday, Ofgas said that, for an average family using 650 therms of gas a year, PGS earns a profit of 1.76p a therm from its direct-debit customers, 1.74p a therm from standard customers and 1.87p a therm from those with prepayment meters. PGS earned bigger margins through direct debit, but remained profitable across all groups of customer.

Salvation Army faces censure

By Robert Miller

TRUSTEES acting on behalf of the Salvation Army are expected to be publicly criticised by the Charity Commissioners after the completion of a two-year investigation into how the Army lost some £6 million after it became the victim of a sophisticated international fraud ring.

The Salvation Army, Britain's sixth-largest charity and the biggest provider of social services after the Government, lost the money after falling victim to a fraud involving the promise of huge profits from dealing in phoney standby letters of credit. Salvation Army officials ignored warnings from its three lay investment specialists to steer clear.

A spokesman for the Charity Commissioners said: "We are discussing with the Army the findings of our inquiry. It is too soon for us to say when or in what form any report or statement of the result of the inquiry may be published." The Metropolitan Police Company Fraud department investigation is continuing. Nobody has been charged.

Target set for more exporters in £165m competition plan

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

THE Government yesterday set a target of a 30 per cent increase in the number of UK exporters by the end of the decade as it unveiled a wide-ranging package of measures — including £165 million in new government spending — aimed at improving Britain's industrial competitiveness.

John Major led a team of Cabinet ministers in proclaiming the importance to Britain of improved competitiveness, allying it to his stated target of doubling its living standards within the next 25 years.

He said much had happened since the Government's last White Paper on competitiveness a year ago "in which Britain can justifiably take pride" — record exports, expanding manufacturing and jobs and low inflation: "As a result, Britain's economy grew by 4 per cent last year and we are set to outpace our main competitors again this year."

But he said there were many areas where "Britain has been behind other countries, and our rivals will not wait for us to catch up and overtake them".

Although many of the proposals put forward by the document, *Forging Ahead*, have already been announced, it did contain some new measures, especially on partial adoption of learning credits or vouchers for 16-year-olds, careers guidance, support for science, small business, taxation, inward investment, and public procurement.

The Government said it intended to work with businesses to increase by 30,000 by the year 2000 the 100,000 of the UK's 2.8million companies which are currently exporters.

Improved DTI services for exporters will command an extra £40 million over the next four years, including £20 million of the new money involved in yesterday's package.

Ministers said that the total new money behind the White Paper was £165 million, £125 million for the DTI and £40 million for a range of scientific and technology initiatives. A further £75 million of government expenditure will be reallocated from currently published spending totals.

Business broadly welcomed the White Paper. Howard Davies, Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry, saying it was much better than the 1994 model.

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Saatchi fighting ends

By Martin Waller

THE Saatchi brothers and Cordiant, the renamed advertising agency they founded, have settled the web of legal actions that were launched after they quit the group at the start of the year.

Cordiant is believed to have agreed to pay most of the costs of Maurice and Charles Saatchi, which are thought to be well above £200,000.

The various actions, which included the brothers being sued by their former employer for breach of contract and counter-suing for unfair dismissal and a wrangle over the use of the Saatchi name, now cease worldwide. The settlement was brokered by Johan Eliasch, the Swedish head of Equity Partners, a film and property investment vehicle, and Clive Gibson, a Cordiant non-executive. Mr Eliasch is an old friend of Charles Saatchi and provided office space when the brothers were setting up their rival agency.

Cordiant is dropping its claim to profits made by the brothers on shares in Adidas, the sportswear business in which they invested as part of its financial rescue, and a bid to regain a pensions settlement Adidas paid to the brothers. The pair, whose new business will be called M&C Saatchi Agency, cannot solicit or act for Cordiant clients or employ its staff, other than those who have already moved across.

The four main defectors so far are having their "garden leave," during which they cannot work at the new agency, considerably shortened. The leave expires at the end of this month.

A $50 million legal action in the US against Bill Muirhead, one of the four defectors, is being dropped, and Cordiant says it accepts "there was no wrongdoing" on his part.

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Workers have say on BAe managers' pay



Evans: bonus points count

TWO-THOUSAND shopfloor workers at a British Aerospace site in Lancashire are to have a say in the pay rises awarded to their managers.

Under a new performance appraisal system being introduced at the Chadderton aerostructures plant near Oldham, workers will be invited to say how good bosses are at their jobs, and whether they have earned a rise.

Shopfloor views will be considered alongside those of each manager's colleagues and his or her own boss when annual reviews are held.

Details of the new pay review system will be revealed today in the magazine *Personnel Today*. All 350 managers on the site, which makes components for Airbus jetliners and BAe's Avro regional jets, are expected to be put through the appraisal programme. If the scheme is successful, it could be extended to involve all of BAe's 46,500 employees.

A BAe spokesman said that the idea of assessment by subordinates was intended to help to give a more rounded view of a manager's performance.

"It will take some time before it is reflected in remuneration," he said.

Quite whether shopfloor workers will one day be able to pass judgment on the performance of BAe's £488,773-a-year chief executive, Dick Evans, remains unclear.

Last year almost a quarter of Mr Evans's pay packet was made up of a £140,000 bonus, reflecting a rise in profits and good progress in sorting out the company's problems.

Personnel chiefs at Chadderton, however, are convinced that the move to "360-degree feedback" as it is called in human resources newspeak, will have a big impact on management culture.

Ian Berg, Chadderton's operations personnel manager, told *Personnel Today* it was "a natural progression from having pay linked to performance to having pay linked to appraisal".

He added: "People tend to take things more seriously when you link them to pay."

More recently, the company has undergone a drastic programme of cost-cutting.

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Concerns on Japan mar global outlook

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE outlook for the world economy has darkened because of the problems of Japan, saddled with an overvalued currency and facing deflation, according to the latest forecast by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

The OECD, which is holding its annual meeting in Paris, said the Japanese economy is set to grow by only half as much as it had estimated only six months ago. It now forecasts growth of 1.3 per cent for this year, a much lower estimate largely because of the sharp appreciation of the yen. The strong yen also means the OECD is expecting falling prices or deflation in Japan. The lowering of growth forecasts for Japan was the main reason for a downward revision in growth for the 25 countries represented by the OECD. This is now forecast at 2.7 per cent this year against 3 per cent before and at 2.7 per cent in 1996 against an earlier estimate of 2.9 per cent.

Forecasts for growth in Germany were little changed from December but growth next year is likely to be dampened down by the appreciation of the mark. The OECD is predicting growth of 2.7 per cent next year, compared with its previous forecast of 3.5 per cent.

In contrast, the US, which has seen a sharp depreciation in the dollar, is likely to be better than before. The OECD has revised its forecast for 1996 to 2.3 per cent from 2 per cent.

The OECD's assessment coincided with publication of the latest economic outlook from the National Institute of Economic and Social Research in London. The institute has also revised down its growth forecasts for Japan sharply to 0.8 per cent and 3.1 per cent this year and next. In February, it was forecasting 2.2 per cent and 3.7 per cent.

Britain is expected to grow 3.5 per cent this year, slowing to 2.6 per cent in 1996. This forecast assumes that the Government is serious about getting underlying inflation below 2.5 per cent by the end of this Parliament — its stated aim — and raises interest rates further accordingly.

The institute assumes that to hit this target, base rates will be raised to 8 per cent by the end of this year (compared with 6.75 per cent now) and to 8.5 per cent next year. After this, it believes that rates could stabilise. It said that the failure to raise rates after the May monetary meeting had raised doubt about the strength of the Government's commitment to its inflation target.

Non-EU trade gap at £474m

BRITAIN'S trade gap with countries outside the European Union nearly doubled last month but without erratic items, the deficit actually improved (Janet Bush writes).

Overall, the deficit rose to £474 million in April from £238 million in March, but the Central Statistical Office said it was mainly due to £200 million of aircraft imports.

The underlying deficit — excluding oil and erratics, fell for the second month in a row to £308 million from £375 million in March. Statisticians think the underlying trend of visible trade is almost flat. In the three months to April, the deficit was £1 billion (£1.4 billion previous three months).

Also published yesterday was the latest Gallup poll of consumer confidence which showed only the tiniest improvement in how people regard the outlook for their households. The public's assessment of the general economic situation over the next 12 months showed no improvement at all. In May, 23 per cent thought it would improve but 38 per cent said it would deteriorate.

ANDRÉ CAMARA



The aptly named Peter Ferrari, a bank manager at the NatWest Business Centre in Battersea, London, is to drive the latest Ferrari 355, worth £85,000, for 1,000 miles round Britain in five days to raise £5,000 for the charity Counsel & Care for the Elderly

Kunick feels instant effects of National Lottery scratch card

BY MARTIN BARROW

INSTANTS, the National Lottery scratch card, is beginning to have an adverse impact on takings in other sectors of the leisure industry.

Kunick said yesterday that the scratch cards were having a more significant effect on amusement machine takings than the National Lottery itself.

Ladbroke Group also said Instants, launched in March, had had "some negative effect" on its UK retail betting business. The company was also concerned about the impact of competition from the lottery on its Vernons Pools.

Kunick expects some relief through the relaxation of controls on amusement machines in the autumn. New legislation will also allow machines to be installed in licensed betting offices.

Yesterday, Kunick reported pre-tax profits of £7.9 million for the half-year to March 31, including an exceptional profit of £3.9 million. The comparable profit was £4.97 million, including a £1.9 million exceptional credit.

The company, which has emerged from a lengthy period of restructuring, is restoring the interim dividend at 0.25p a share, due on July 13.

Take-off near for FLA project

BY ROSS TIEMAN
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AIRBUS INDUSTRIE, the European civil jet consortium, is within weeks of announcing a new arm to build military aircraft. The first product will be a four-engined transport plane, known as the Future Large Aircraft (FLA).

Creation of a military aircraft business will offer the first chance to widen the Airbus partnership beyond the core companies of Aerospatiale of France, Daimler-Benz Aerospace (Dasa) of Germany, British Aerospace and Casa of Spain.

It will also open the way to more efficient collaboration in European military aircraft projects. Instead of each partner country having its own production line, Airbus will build all the planes, probably near its French headquarters in Toulouse. So-called single-source production of sub-assemblies by the companies will add to the efficiencies and ensure no country or company has overall control.

Establishment of the Airbus military arm to oversee design and production of the 300-aircraft programme is a prerequisite for Britain to rejoin the FLA programme.

The partners have agreed on specifications, including an operational height of 31,000 feet and a cruising speed of Mach 0.72, that will meet the need of the Royal Air Force to use the plane for in-flight refuelling and transport tasks.

Daimler-Benz appears to have lost its battle to design and build the wings for the aircraft. Provided Britain confirms its requirement for 40 to 50 FLAs, the wings are likely to be developed and built by British Aerospace, Europe's leading wing expert.

BAe is expected to have 20 per cent of the equity in the new business. That will give it an equal share with Aerospatiale, Dasa and Alenia of Italy, which is not a member of the civil Airbus group. Spain, which has a 4.2 per cent share in Airbus, will have 10 per cent of the military arm. Companies from Portugal, Belgium and Turkey are expected to share the remaining 10 per cent. However, it is not clear how the development costs of the plane will be funded. They are estimated at up to £2 billion.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Body Shop founders see pay rise 3.9%

ANITA RODDICK and Gordon Roddick, the founders of Body Shop International who are also the eco-friendly cosmetics and toiletries retailer's respective chief executive and chairman, saw their pay rise by just under 3.9 per cent to £122,608 and £122,641 in the year to February 25. However, Body Shop's annual report shows that the Roddicks are not the highest-paid directors. The remuneration of Stuart Rose, managing director, increased by 10.3 per cent to £216,827. Mr Rose also holds 2.06 million options, which are now exercisable at an average price of 87p, giving him a theoretical paper profit of about £1.07 million if he were to exercise them at yesterday's closing price of 139p, down 1p.

Shares in Body Shop, which earlier this month accompanied a 13 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £33.5 million in the year to February 25 with a profits warning, have performed poorly, coming down from a peak of more than 260p a year ago. The group, which saw last year's turnover grow 12 per cent to £219.7 million, continued to expand, with 157 new store openings last year, taking its total to 1,210 in 45 countries.

EU rules on shares

EUROPEAN UNION finance ministers reached a political agreement on rules providing minimum protection for small investors in the European Union. Under the new rules, which are expected to come into force by mid-1997, investors will be covered for at least 20,000 ecu (£16,000) in the event an investment firm becomes insolvent. As expected, Germany voted against the proposal on the grounds that there was no need for EU legislation. Germany took the EU to the European Court of Justice last year over the adoption of the deposit guarantee directive. A ruling is expected by the end of this year.

Whessoe pays interim

WHESSOE, the instrumentation and control company that passed payment of a final dividend last year, returns to the dividend list with a 1.5p a share interim payment for the six months to March 31. Continuing operations earned profits of £2.59 million, equivalent to earnings of 3.5p a share. However, at the pre-tax level there were losses of £2.3 million after a £4 million loss on the sale of discontinued operations. That compared with profits of £1.9 million in the first half of the previous year. Actual losses per share were 10.4p, against earnings of 4.4p last time. The shares fell 1p to 122p.

Parts Group starts well

INDEPENDENT Parts Group, the manufacturer and distributor of automotive parts whose shares were floated on the stock market last September, said it had made a satisfactory start to the current year, with sales continuing to grow at Tuberex and Veco, its two subsidiaries. Yesterday, the company reported pre-tax profits of £2.2 million in the first 11 months of trading. Sales were £14.8 million. The company is proposing a dividend of 2.8p a share for the year, in line with the flotation forecast. The shares fell 5p to 141p, compared with the flotation price of 112p.

MCI expands in US

MCI COMMUNICATIONS, the US telecommunications company that is 20 per cent owned by British Telecom, has agreed to acquire Nationwide Cellular Service, the largest cellular reseller in America, for $190 million in cash, or $18.50 per share. MCI said the acquisition is the first step of its strategy to provide national wireless services integrated with other MCI services. Nationwide, which reported 1994 revenue of $213 million, provides wireless services to more than 275,000 business and residential customers in 10 main cities that encompass nearly 25 per cent of the US population.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.28	2.11
Austria Sch	16.94	15.44
Belgium Fr	49.58	45.28
Canada $	2.233	2.073
Cyprus Cyp£	0.756	0.701
Denmark Kr	9.47	8.67
Finland Mkk	7.48	6.83
France Fr	8.43	7.78
Germany Dm	2.42	2.21
Greece Dr	381.00	356.00
Hong Kong $	12.75	11.75
Ireland Pl	1.03	0.95
Israel	5.2545	4.5045
Italy Lira	2725.00	2570.00
Japan Yen	151.00	135.00
Malta	0.600	0.545
Netherlds Gld	2.690	2.460
Norway Kr	10.67	9.87
Portugal Esc	249.00	230.50
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.37
Spain Pta	204.50	191.50
Sweden Kr	12.21	11.41
Switzerland Fr	2.02	1.84
Turkey Lira	refer	67563.0
USA $	1.663	1.533

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WHITE PAPER ON COMPETITIVENESS

Industry 'needs to improve'

THE Government insisted yesterday that "short-term progress" should not mask the need for continued improvement in Britain's industrial competitiveness.

Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, said the Government's latest White Paper on competitiveness would be followed by a further document next year, forming an annual report on the state of British industry.

He maintained the initiative did not depend on him remaining in his present post, but said that he intended to be in his current job in order to present next year's competitiveness report.

Mr Heseltine said there was no contradiction between the Government's claim that the economy was improving and the argument of the White Paper that although Britain has a number of world-class companies — this year's document lists the best performing sectors and companies — it also has a long tail of poor performers.

Looking back over the past year, yesterday's document, *Forging Ahead*, said that Britain had made good progress in the factors that determine competitiveness. "We continue to close the gap on our major competitors, especially in key measures like manufacturing productivity."

But it admitted that this gap, previously estimated by the Department of Trade and Industry at about 25 per cent, remained significantand it insisted that the search for greater competitiveness had to continue in spite of improved economic performance. "The pressure is for continual change. Targets set today may no longer be world class when they are achieved. There is no winning post in the search for competitiveness."

The White Paper lists spirit distilling, followed by office machinery, construction equipment, pesticides, and tractor-making as Britain's most successful industries, and mentions individual companies such as ICI, British Airways, Glaxo, British Steel, Rolls-Royce and Coats Vivella as world class.

Mr Heseltine accepted that the document's promotion of government "sponsorship" of industry was controversial, but insisted it did not mean the Government picking winners, subsidising uncompetitive industries, or trying to direct business according to a centrally conceived national plan.

Sponsorship meant help on export strategies, benchmarking, spreading best practice, minimising unnecessary regulation, providing comphrensive support for industry, and understanding the strengths and weakeness of business.

Among the measures are:

☐ Training. Business leaders will today proclaim new education and training targets that the White Paper yesterday accepted on behalf of the Government. Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, said they were "more demanding and better directed".

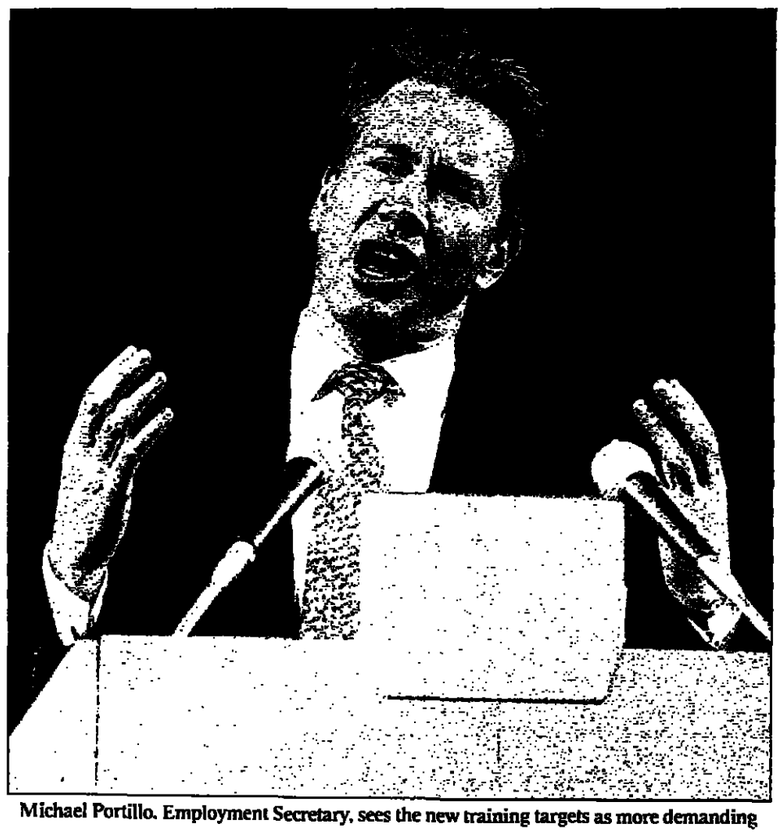
☐ Learning credits. The Government is to issue a consultation document on learning credits — providing money to individuals for training through a voucher system. But ministers yesterday accepted a partial introduction of the idea, backed by the CBI and based on findings published by Coopers and Lybrand, the consultant, including a more consistent approach to the funding of provision for 16 to 19-year-olds.

☐ Education. Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, announced a range of measures for schools, including capital charging. Schools would also be required to demonstrate their awareness of labour markets.

The White Paper includes a number of other points. The Government accepts, for example, that public concern continues about top people's pay. On privatisation, it says: "There is no absolute frontier between the public and the private sectors." In order to increase inward investment, the DTI's Invest in Britain Bureau is to be restructured, with a 20 per cent increase in its staff.

Additional funds will be provided for technology transfer and other scientific moves. With industry, the Government will publish a guide for employers on pay flexibility as well as a skills audit of the United Kingdom.

The document also includes new programmes to help smaller firms, enhancing services to be delivered through the Government's local Business Link network, and 100 further deregulation moves aimed at cutting red tape.



Michael Portillo, Employment Secretary, sees the new training targets as more demanding

Clarke aims to get value for money on purchases

AS PART of the Government's competitiveness announcement, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, has put forward proposals to improve government performance as the biggest purchaser in Britain.

The Treasury published a White Paper on public procurement, *Setting New Standards* — the first move by the Government on procurement for a decade. At present, it spends £40 billion on range of goods and services. A further £20 billion is spent by purchasing authorities in the National Health Service.

Mr Clarke said that with policies such as contracting out, private finance and market testing, government departments were now doing more of their business through procurement instead of in-house provision.

He said: "The more procurement there is, the more important it becomes that government departments should make a first-class job of it. The Government owes nothing less to citizens, taxpayers and suppliers." With the aim of getting best value for money and increasing the competitiveness of suppliers, the White Paper proposes a new strategy for government procurement that departments will now implement.

After a survey of supliers that showed dissatisfaction with government procurement policies and practices, the strategy will include a clear commitment to "world class" procurement standards, an agenda for benchmarking, and a "step change" in staff skills and professionalism.

The standards include a broader interpretation of procurement to cover all non-pay expenditure and emphasise integrated procurement costing, including full costs and benefits over the life-cycle of a purchase.

☐ David Hunt, Minister for Science, yesterday announced an £80 million boost for science, engineering and technology as part of the competitiveness initiative.

At the heart of the move is a £40 million foresight challenge fund aimed at building partnerships with industry to keep the UK at what the Government sees as the forefront of technological development. The aim is to match the new money with an equivalent sum from the private sector.

The fund is in addition to the £70 million for supporting small businesses and technology enterprises as part of the DTI's competitiveness package.

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☐ Saying goodbye to the mutual ☐ Saatchis treated more cordially than Cordiant ☐ Can ICI play the starring role?

Members love to say yes

☐ OPPONENTS of the Halifax's takeover of the Leeds have proved as vocal and as eloquent as opponents of all other mergers, takeovers and flotations. As usual, they were in no sense representative. The confusion over the flotation of Abbey National obscured the financial message for members of other societies. Lloyds Bank's £1.8 billion cash offer for the Cheltenham & Gloucester, though less satisfactory, finally drove it home. People who merely lend to, or borrow from a successful mutual business can pick up a tidy windfall if they merely agree to plans made by managers. And few members, other than employees, care about the plans one way or the other, so long as the society/bank continues to do business in the same way.

That strikes most people as a good reason to say yes. Fortunately, the answers arrived at by this bizarre democratic exercise seem roughly right so far. As the avalanche gathers strength, an element of competition is also building up. A short while ago, National & Provincial seemed content to keep its mutual status. Now it is merely conducting a sealed bid auction. The only thing that might really upset its members is that if the society most were perfectly content with in the past tries to stay as it is. An army of plc punters now plays the game of spotting the next merger in time to join in.

The mortgage market has shrunk. It is not likely to return to the heady days of the mid-1980s, on which most bigger societies' strategies were based. The free market way to adjust is via amalgamations that rationalise the industry. That avoids painful cutthroat competition and unseemly failures that damage the reputation of all.

Sadly, laws permitting societies to convert into plc banks, rule out any further substantive mergers based on the mutual principle. They do not broadcast cash bounties. Mutuality has proved a a successful way of building up an industry that has been far more successful than commercial banks. On the whole, it has given both savers and borrowers a better deal than most banks and incorporated central mortgage lenders. But it is inflexible, as some household name life assurance societies are also discovering.

Behind the management hype, there is no doubting that the changes now sweeping building societies stem from weakness, albeit weakness stemming from pursuing ambition further than the m,arket could permanently bear. The enlarged Halifax should indeed go on to higher things, bwcoming a fearsome competitor to the traditional banks in the consumer financial services some are now targeting. Another big amalgamation or two might usefully add to national high street competition.

Oddly, however, the true winners, not least for customers, might be low-cost societies that keep their heads down and wait for others to spend many millions to cut out the industry's excess capacity.

Charlotte Street surrender

☐ ALL wars end in a formal truce, but some truces look more like abject and unconditional surrender. The truce that has been brokered between Maurice Saatchi and his old employer makes the Treaty of Versailles look like an even-handed and fair settlement.

Maurice and his camp get, in



no particular order: the disputed £24 million profit from the holding in Adidas, the services of the four lieutenants without a long delay for "garden leave", no further hassle over the £2.9 million pension payment paid to the brothers, which Cordiant had wanted back, and a grovelling apology to Bill Muirhead.

Cordiant gets, well, not very much really. The brothers cannot set up shop as the New Saatchi Agency; instead they will be M&C Saatchi Agency, which hardly seems an arduous curb on their future performance. They have to wait a whole seven months before they can poach Cordiant's staff or clients — excepting those they have poached already. The Cordiant board have been spared time-consuming and expensive legal action that they would probably not have won. But this begs the question why such action was brought in the first case except out of pique when Maurice's departure, as planned by the board, was followed by some highly unplanned defections.

The bitterest blow must be the agreement, apparently intended to be kept a strict secret, for Cordiant to pay most of the brothers' costs, which must have topped £250,000.

With the Adidas money in their back pockets, profit from a deal that rumour has it was the final straw for their former colleagues on the board before their ousting, they would hardly have had to throw themselves on the mercy of the legal aid system, but the Cordiant board has paid up in any case.

For Cordiant, the matter is now over and done with, which is at least a blessing. For the Saatchis, they have the key staff already in place and a fair kernel of new accounts, clients and employees at the old place are not precluded from knocking on the door at the end of the year, and the Adidas nest-egg will go a long way towards funding the costs of creating the new agency.

See the price Grow and Grow

☐ PUBLIC bids in America have much in common with blockbuster Hollywood films. They are filled with dramatic moments, contain a sprinkling of memorable one-liners, and cost almost as much thanks to a cast of thousands of investment bankers and lawyers who earn superstar fees for walk-on parts.

Unfortunately, the similarity does not end there. The plots of many US bids are confused and the endings often anti-climactic. As the final credits roll, everyone sits back trying to figure out who actually won.

ICI's bid for Grow contains all these elements. Last week's auction for the company was supposed to be the climax of the battle between it and Sherwin-Williams. ICI won the day with a generous offer. But like a bad movie, the vanquished foe now threatens to rise up and launch a fresh attack, claiming the rules were unfair.

Admittedly the going is getting tougher for Sherwin-Williams all the time. The lock-out clauses in the new offer mean that it would now have to pay ICI $24 million, or $1.50 for each Grow share, for the pleasure of outbidding it. That means that Sherwin-Williams would have to pay an effective $24 a share to outbid ICI, and at that level Grow Group begins to look very expensive.

If Sherwin-Williams does accept defeat the question is whether it has already goaded ICI into paying too much for a modest paint manufacturer. ICI after all has been forced to raise its original offer by 22 per cent. ICI is confident that Grow will enhance its earnings immediately but that confidence depends on cost cutting to improve Grow's depressed profits. Those costs should not be difficult to cut since Grow has an expensive head office in New York as well as regional centres in Kentucky and California, some of which will be surplus to requirements after a takeover. But Grow has wrestled unsuccessfully with its own cost base and only time will reveal whether ICI can be more successful. This one will certainly keep the audience in its seats until the final reel.

NHL bids for £1.2bn mortgage portfolios

BY NEIL BENNETT

NATIONAL Home Loans, the mortgage lender which underwent a financial reconstruction this year, is bidding to acquire two mortgage portfolios from rival lenders worth a total of more than £1.2 billion.

The group yesterday said it was actively looking for acquisitions to expand the size of its loan book. "We are currently reviewing a number of larger opportunities in competition with other lenders," said Jonathan Perry, chairman.

In particular, the company is believed to have submitted bids to buy two mortgage portfolios which are being sold in secret auctions. One is said to be worth more than £1 billion, the other at least £200 million. NHL is thought to be bidding against as many as six other institutions in the auctions.

Last week, NHL bought a portfolio from an unnamed continental bank for £25 million, but a future deal is likely to be many times larger. The group needs to buy further mortgages to shore up its own dwindling lending book.

NHL's ambitious acquisition plans came to light as it announced pre-tax profits in the half-year to March 31 of £6.1 million, a rise of 49 per cent. This was achieved after a £2.6 million fall in bad debt provisions to £6.5 million and in spite of a 15 per cent fall in mortgage lending to £1.54 billion.

The recent rises in interest rates meanwhile contributed to a 20 per cent fall in operating income to £21.9 million.

Homeloans Direct, the company's new lending subsidiary, which began operating last autumn, has so far attracted only 800 applications, worth £40 million. This is too little to match the fall in the group's old lending book, built up before the recession. But Mr Perry insisted that the business was growing according to plan. "Each week is a record week. That is all we want," he said.

Mr Perry repeated NHL's intention to pay a dividend at the end of the year, the first since 1991 when the group was plunged into a financial crisis.

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ANDRÉ CAMARA

Integration of SupaSnaps within Sketchley's dry cleaning chain is on target under John Jackson, the chief executive

Sketchley cleans up

SUPASNAPS is on target to trade from more than 500 high street sites after the integration of the film processing business with the Sketchley dry cleaning chain. Sketchley expects to introduce a developing and printing service in 130 dry cleaning outlets this year.

The integration of the two formats resulted in the closure of a further 26 loss-making outlets last year, lifting the total closures since SupaSnaps was acquired from Dixons for £4.3 million two years ago to 70.

Group pre-tax profits rose to £6.4 million from £5.1 million, giving earnings of 7.2p a share (6.7p). The total dividend is increased to 3.4p a share from 3.2p, with a final 2.4p due July 12. The shares rose 4p to 94p.

London Clubs wins with high-rollers

BY CARL MORTISHED

HIGH-ROLLING Asian gamblers contributed to another winning year at the Ritz and Les Ambassadeurs, which together brought in the lion's share of London Clubs International's operating profit of £32 million, up 28 per cent.

Profits from the two casinos accounted for 84 per cent of the total, in spite of London Clubs' strategy of widening its exposure to more modest establishments and expanding abroad.

Alan Goodenough, chief executive, said the National Lottery was not affecting the cheaper end of the market, with improved attendances at the Golden Nugget and the Rendezvous. "Average loss per head at the Golden Nugget is around £30, still higher than the National Lottery," he said. The Palm Beach suffered from lower winnings, leaving London Clubs with an average win percentage of 20.2.

Abroad, London Clubs is expanding. The company shortly expects to announce a joint venture to bid for a licence to operate a casino in Dublin. Cruise-line business disappointed.

Pro-forma pre-tax profits for the year to March 26, including flotation proceeds, rose from £23 million to £30 million, with earnings up from 19.6p to 26.7p a share. The full-year dividend is 13.25p.

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ICI wins battle for US paint maker with $350m offer

BY NEIL BENNETT

ICI yesterday defeated Sherwin-Williams in the bid battle for Grow Group, the American paint manufacturer, after Grow accepted its raised offer of $350 million and urged its shareholders to accept.

Last night, however, Wall Street dealers speculated that Sherwin-Williams, America's largest paint group, may still take legal action to return with an even higher offer after telling Grow that it has "serious concerns" about the procedures in the bidding round and that it was reserving the right to submit further offers.

ICI raised its bid for Grow by 22 per cent to $22 a share in an effort to defeat Sherwin-Williams. ICI is offering $21.40 a share to Corimon, a Venezuelan investment company that owns 25 per cent of Grow's shares. ICI's bid easily topped Sherwin-Williams's offer of $20 a share, only 50 cents a share higher than its original bid.

The acquisition of Grow will make ICI the largest paint manufacturer in the world and give it almost national coverage throughout the US. The auction was established by Grow last week in an effort to settle the rival claims by the two bidders. But Sherwin-Williams has objected to the limited time allowed for bidding and is believed to have wanted longer to put together a higher offer.

In an effort to prevent Sherwin from raising its bid again, ICI has tripled the penalty that Grow must pay it if the current deal does not go through. If Sherwin-Williams now returns with a successful offer, it will have to pay ICI $24 million in compensation. This is equivalent to $1.50 a share, which would force Sherwin-Williams to pay a heavy premium for Grow, unless it had the compensation deal overturned in the US courts.

In spite of the increase in the offer, ICI said the acquisition of Grow will improve the group's earnings after a round of cost-cutting. "We are confident that the investment in the Grow acquisition will create value and enhance ICI's earnings in its first full year," said John Danzeisen, the chief executive of ICI Paints in North America. In the current year, Grow will have sales of about $500 million, although its profits are under pressure because of heavy price competition in the paints market.

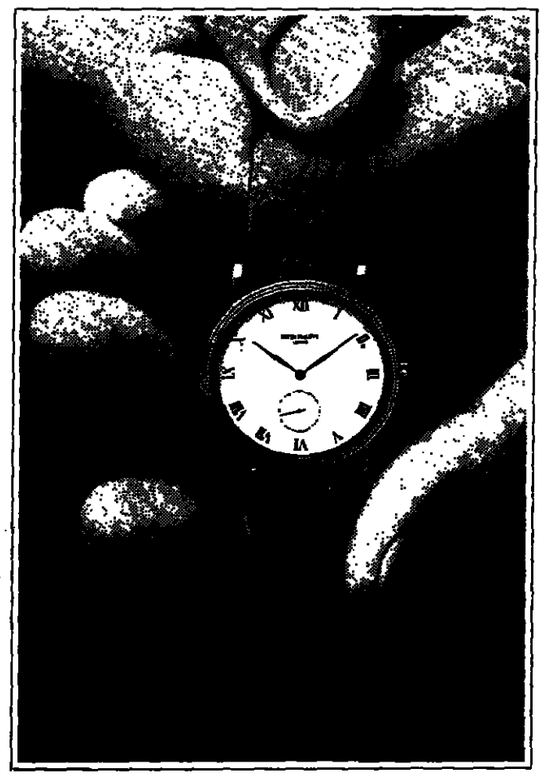
In a statement, Grow said its directors were abandoning their neutral position in the bid battle and were unanimously recommending the ICI bid. They also urged shareholders not to accept Sherwin-Williams's lower offer.

Russell Banks, Grow's president, said: "We are extremely pleased that both ICI and Sherwin-Williams participated in the formal bidding process. We believe that Grow's shareholders have benefited greatly from this auction process."

Grow's shares traded above $22 after the announcement as Wall Street traders waited for a response from Sherwin-Williams. The deadline for ICI's bid has been extended for four days to June 5 to give investors time to accept.

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Russians develop taste for Western confectionery

Cadbury joins chocolate revolution

BY COLIN NARBROUGH
WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

CHUDOVO, near St Petersburg, cradle of the Bolshevik revolution, is to become the base from which Cadbury Schweppes plans its conquest of the vast chocolate market of the Russias. The confectionery and soft drinks group has unveiled a £75 million plot to build a strategic chocolate plant in Chudovo from which it will try to meet post-communist Russia's seemingly insatiable hunger for sweets.

The plant will allow Cadbury, which already supplies the Russian market with a million chocolate bars a day, to substitute goods it currently has to import from Britain and elsewhere with domestically produced lines.

Russia may still be a shambles, and have a long way to go before its becomes a market economy, but the Russian consumer is making the transition to sweet-eating in a big way, with annual confectionery consumption of about 500,000 tonnes. Last year, Russia was the third-largest confectionery market in Europe, after Germany and Britain, and Cadbury's advance into the Russian market has been rewarded with a place among the top brands for its Wispa, Picnic and Fruit & Nut bars. Cadbury's also imports its Piasten brand from Germany.

The Chudovo plant, in the Novodgorod region near St Petersburg, is being built in partnership with Rostel, Cadbury's Russian distrubutor-partner. Work has begun, and the factory should be ready by the second half of next year.

Taking its product and production to Russias, which stretch from the Baltic Sea to the Pacific Ocean, Cadbury is hoping to double its present share of what is one of the last big, undeveloped consumer markets to about 10 per cent. Cadbury's sweet exports to the Russian market tripled last year to 26,000 tonnes. But the company is not alone. Nestlé, the Swiss company, has acquired Russian production facilities and Mars, the US food major, is also putting up a plant. The loser in the intensifying battle for the Russian sweet tooth is probably the old Soviet brands, which have fallen out of favour with their former captive consumers. Some Western estimates believe imported brands have already seized more than half the Russian market.

Cadbury, which produces chocolate bars and confectionery at a plant at Kobierzyce, Poland, is undaunted by the prospect of spanning the Eurasian landmass via the Russian steppe.

Beyond Russia, Cadbury already has its foot firmly planted in China where a plant scheduled to start production this year will put the company in a good position to benefit from the massive expansion of consumer demand expected there.



STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Speculators move in as bid hopes drive VSEL

SPECULATIVE buying pushed **VSEL**, the Trident submarine maker, 40p higher to £16.95 with the Government expected to give the go-ahead soon to the bids from GEC and British Aerospace, its rival.

This follows a full inquiry by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission lasting more than four months. The bid was first referred to the MMC at the tail end of last year and in March was given a further month's extension.

BAe's bid was worth £575 million, made up with a mixture of cash and shares, which will have improved recently along with the group's share price. GEC had offered £523 million in cash. The speculators are now preparing for an auction to develop for the Barrow shipyard group.

However, GEC may have to agree to certain conditions before being allowed to proceed with its offer. It already owns the Yarrow shipyard and the Government could be worried that its acquisition of the Barrow shipyard, along with VSEL, may provide the company with too big a slice of the defence contracting market. **GEC** marked time at 317p, while **BAe** rose 7p to 547p.

Elsewhere, share prices discovered a new lease of life after last week's profit-taking that left the index nursing a fall of 49 points. It seems that after Thursday's drop in retail sales, the pressure for a rise in interest rates has receded for the time being.

After an initial mark-up, prices in London began to show signs of running out of steam, but were saved by a strong opening rise on Wall Street that saw the Dow Jones average climb more than 40 points. The FT-SE 100 index put in a late burst to close at its best of the day with a rise of 23.5 at 3,284.5.

Trading conditions left a lot to be desired, however, with less than 500 million shares traded by the close.

ICI is set to become the world's biggest paint producer after Grow in the US accepted its higher offer of $22 a share, valuing the entire company at $320 million. This tops an offer of $20 a share from Sherwin-Williams, the rival US paintmaker. **ICI** rose 5½p to 775p.

ICI had previously offered $17.50 a share, but this was topped by Sherwin-Williams.



Alan Goodenough, of London Clubs International

Both companies were then asked to come back with revised offers.

There was another flurry of speculative support among the City's merchant banks. This time the spotlight fell on **Schroders**, up 22p at £11.35, after weekend reports suggesting the group was about to become the target of a £1 billion-plus offer from ABN Amro, the Dutch banking group.

But ABN, which already owns Hoare Govett and Shaw, the stockbrokers, moved quickly to quash the reports. A spokesman said: "We are not in exploratory talks with Schroders and we are not considering a bid".

Earlier this year, **SG Warburg**, down 7p at 753p, broke off talks with Morgan Stanley before Swiss Bank Corporation launched its rescue bid. Persistent talk of a bid by Deutsche Bank lifted **Kleinwort Benson** another 12p to 693p.

BZW is said to be recommending the food retailers. Word is that top of its shopping list is **J Sainsbury**, down 6p at 433½p, and **Tesco**, 4p stronger at 272p.

Recommendations for property companies are rare these days, but Panmure Gordon, the broker, has taken a shine to Merivale Moore, unchanged at 65p. It says the shares' rating is undervalued in discount and yield terms. Panmure wants a further substantial increase in earnings and dividends.

Ladbroke firmed 3p to 184p in spite of admitting that the introduction of the National Lottery was continuing to make a dent in profits at its Vernons Pools subsidiary. John Jackson, Ladbroke's chairman, told shareholders at the annual meeting that turnover at Vernons had been hit, although the group's British betting arm had not been too badly affected. Most of the problems for Vernons had been caused by Instants, the scratch card game. Overall trading at Ladbroke during the first months of the current year was described as satisfactory.

Full-year figures from **London Clubs International**, the USM-quoted casino operator, showed pre-tax profits more than doubled at £29.4 million. Sir Timothy Kitson, chairman, said the group had applied for a full listing for its shares. The shares ended up 7p at 316p.

There was further heavy turnover in shares of **Queens Moat Houses**, the struggling hotel chain, which was rescued from the brink by the banks after a debt reconstruction plan was thrashed out and received shareholder approval. By the close of business, almost 37 million shares had changed hands with the price adding 7¼p at 17¾p. The shares were suspended in April 1993 at 47p.

Further provisions totalling £125 million at its troubled associate USAir left **British Airways** 16p lower at 409p. The news took the gloss off an otherwise impressive set of full-year figures, showing pre-tax profits 61.4 per cent ahead at £452 million.

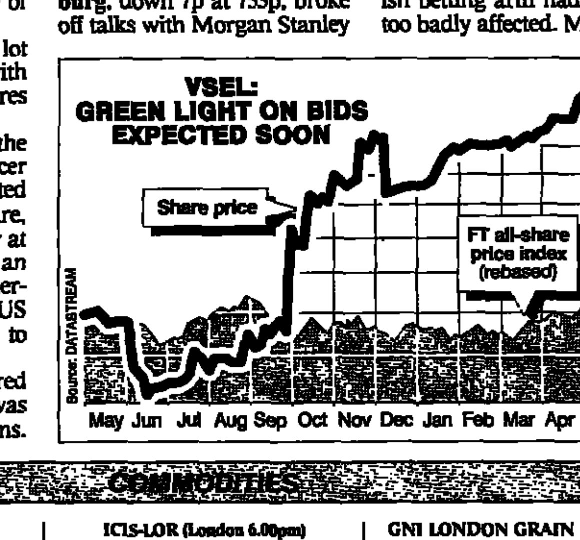
A profits warning left **Eve Group** 50p down at 210p. The group said pre-tax profits would fall short of market expectations, currently pitched at around £25 million. The final dividend will be pegged.

Sketchley celebrated an impressive improvement in full-year figures with a rise in the shares of 3p to 93p.

□ **GILT-EDGED**: Supported by firmer European bond markets elsewhere, prices in London edged higher. After last week's steepening of the yield curve, dealers reported a switch to longer dated issues as the prospect of an imminent rise in interest rates began to recede. This was clearly reflected among conventional issues with Treasury 8 per cent 2013 rising £5/16 to £99 9/32, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £⅛ firmer at £100 9/16.

In futures, the June series of the long gilt climbed £5/16 to £106 7/16 as the number of contracts completed reached 35,000.

□ **NEW YORK**: Shares on Wall Street rose sharply and at midday the Dow Jones industrial average was up 35.62 points at 4,376.95.



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S&P Composite .... 522.27 (+3.08)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 15789.12 (-351.73)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9058.74 (+45.42)

Amsterdam:
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Sydney:
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Frankfurt:
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Straits .... 2150.39 (-8.54)

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General .... 7616.15 (+51.37)

Paris:
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FT Govt Secs .... 93.49 (+0.14)
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USM (Datastrm) .... 154.46 (-0.07)
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German Mark .... 2.2696 (+0.0022)
Exchange Index .... 85.0 (+0.1)
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TEMPUS

Plane sailing

BRITISH AIRWAYS was coy yesterday about the precise "calculations and projections" (its own words) that decided by just how much to write down the value of the USAir stake, but whatever they were, they came up with a surprisingly round figure of 50 per cent. The writedown is being blamed on an obscure point of American accounting practice, but has always looked inevitable, whatever theological arguments BA indulge in over whether the loss of value is temporary or permanent.

Aside from the rumbling USAir affair and the admitted black spots of TAT and Deutsche BA, the latest financial bulletin shows BA firmly on the apron as the worldwide airline industry taxis towards take-off. A record passenger load factor for the year of almost 73 per cent on long-haul routes went into the 80s during the busy summer months, to the extent that the airline says it turned business away. Capacity was raised 4 per cent, but will grow an ambitious 7 per cent this year, partly because of the introduction of Boeing 777s.

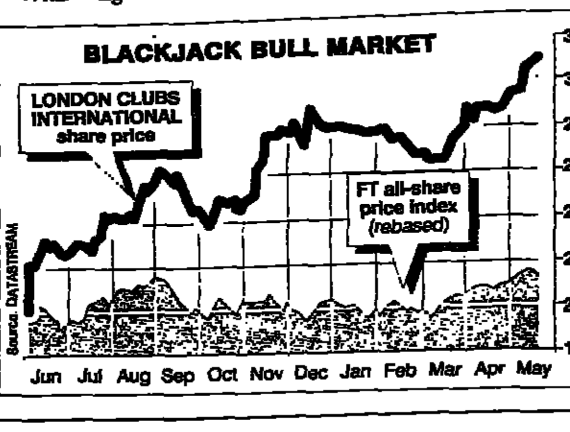
BA will always have to fight to hold its place in its markets — the Channel Tunnel hit the Paris trade, while Richard Branson looks set for a typically daring intervention into the "kangaroo route" to Australia — but the much-vaunted global alliance is achieving its aim of funnelling business towards its own aircraft. USAir brought a $100 million benefit, while the entire alliance brought in a net £50 million, in spite of a £90 million hit from DBA and TAT. Pre-tax profits in the region of £550 million look achievable this year, which would leave the shares on an inexpensive forward earnings multiple of 10.5.

London Clubs

CASINOS conjure up images of dodgy foreigners and femmes fatales but the investment community in Britain is beginning to take a more serious view. Overzealous regulation is partly responsible for lingering suspicion — until recently a casino could be shut down by a single employee's misdemeanour. Yesterday, London Clubs gave comfort to casino bulls and bears.

The win percentage at a casino normally varies between 18-22 per cent. Fluctuation within this range has an immense impact on profits. Last year, Les Ambassadeurs took over the winning streak previously enjoyed by the Ritz. London Clubs suggests this demonstrates the high quality of earnings in the two upmarket casinos. It shows no such thing: nothing can prevent the win percentage from falling at both casinos in the same year or a quirk of fashion sending London Clubs' highest rollers to a rival establishment. London Clubs is aware of its inherent volatility since 84 per cent of its profits is generated from two clubs and the company is keen to diversify.

With high fixed costs, London Clubs needs to maximise revenue. Management contracts abroad, which require little cash outlay for a quarter share of the net proceeds are a future source of profits growth. But that will take another year or two to make a big difference and until then the Mayfair effect will keep the share rating modest.



NHL

THE turnaround of National Home Loans from corporate basket case to financial services predator has been startling to watch. Rarely has a company rescue been so complete or successful. Four months ago NHL was going cap in hand to its shareholders to ask for the cash to restore its balance sheet. Now it is hunting down less committed mortgage lenders in the hope of gobbling up their assets for a modest premium.

In a sense, NHL must deal or die. The group's existing mortgage book is continuing to contract at an alarming pace due to the high rates it charges. Total lending has fallen 15 per cent in the past year, to £1.54 billion. Homeloans Direct, the new lending arm, received applications in its first 8 months for loans worth just £40 million. It will not be able to make up the shortfall for up to three years even if it continues to expand. NHL started to fill the gap last week with the purchase of a £25 million loan book. But more than this is needed to stabilise the lending book. Hence Jonathan Perry, the chairman, is looking for larger deals.

As a former director of Morgan Grenfell, Mr Perry has the qualifications to do the right deals. The market has belatedly woken to the opportunities, as witnessed by yesterday's 9 per cent rise in the shares. This year, the group should produce a profit of £15 million, putting the shares on a p/e ratio of only seven. The re-rating has further to go although prospective investors should stand by for a further cash call when Mr Perry finds his deal.

Ladbroke

THE National Lottery is being blamed for a great many ills, but Ladbroke has more reason to complain than most. Originally, conventional wisdom supposed that the lottery would have little effect on betting shop turnover, since the process of selecting six random numbers and the length of the odds would hardly appeal to the average punter.

That failed to foresee the popularity of the scratch card. Like the 4:40 from Kempton, this is instant win/lose gambling and far more accessible than scribbling the name of your chosen horse on a scrap of paper and passing it to someone behind a glass screen. Ladbroke was careful not to put any figures on the effect the scratch card has had on its betting shop business. But coming on top of the damage being done to Vernons, its pools business, by the weekly game, it can hardly be welcome. With Ladbroke's betting division on the defensive, the task for Peter George, chief executive, to decide the future of the hotels business looks increasingly urgent.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

May	945-938	Jul	1041-1038
Jul	957-956	Sep	1055-1050
Sep	976-975	Dec	1073-1069
Dec	996-995	Mar	1093-1085
Mar	1018-1016		
May	1030-1026		Volume: 1942

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	3000-2990	Jan	2995-2985
Jul	3016-3015	Mar	2990-2975
Sep	3010-3008	May	2980-2950
Nov	3005-2985		Volume: 2711

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	286.5-85.4
Spot: 379.5		May	286.5-86.0
Aug	343.4-42.8	Aug	287.0-86.5
Oct	298.5-98.0	Oct	273.0-70.4
Dec	287.4-86.5		Volume: 695

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 19

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	94.77	124.78	121.61
(+/-)	+11.11	-11.98	-0.32
Eng/Wales:	94.77	124.78	121.61
(+/-)	+11.11	-12.27	-0.42
(%)	-25.0	+16.0	-17.0
Scotland:	unq	131.49	119.23
(+/-)	...	-1.95	-0.17
(%)	...	-81.0	+24.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)
CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.45	n/c
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.35	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Aug)	18.05	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	19.70	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	19.50	-0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	B	O
Premium Gas .15	210 (-1)	212 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	162 (+2)	163 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Jun	160 (+2)	161 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Jul	159 (+3)	160 (+3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	110 (+2)	112 (+1)
Naphtha	187 (n/c)	190 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)
GAS OIL

Jun	158.50-58.75	Sep	158.25-58.50
Jul	156.75-57.00	Oct	161.00-61.25
Aug	157.00-57.25		Vol: 29192

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	18.34-18.35	Oct	17.68-17.72
Aug	18.02 BID	Nov	17.51-17.60
Sep	17.81-17.84		Vol: 19116

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
May	123.00	May	112.00
Jul	123.50	Sep	105.25
Sep	107.70	Nov	107.25
Nov	108.65	Jan	109.50
Jan	110.70	Mar	111.25
Volume: 399		Volume: 88	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Apr	124.0	120.8
May	unq	147.5
Jun	...	...
		Volume: 74

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Jun 118.75-119.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
May 95	2140	2139	2145
Jun 95	2005	1990	1998
Jul 95	1880	1865	1866
Oct 95	1875	1870	1870
Vol: 316 lots		Open interest: 4813	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
(Official) (Volume prev day) — Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2733.0-2734.0	2729.0-2730.0	755325
Lead ($/tonne)	604.00-605.00	617.00-618.00	153275
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1030.5-1031.0	1055.5-1056.0	345600
Tin ($/tonne)	5885.0-5890.0	5870.0-5880.0	21405
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1745.0-1746.0	1766.5-1767.0	1077375
Nickel ($/tonne)	7540.0-7550.0	7670.0-7675.0	95922

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Jun 95	3277.0	3301.0	3272.0	3298.0	8863
Previous open interest: 76313	Sep 95	3307.0	3316.0	3307.0	3319.0	1240
FT-SE 250	Jun 95	3610.0	3610.0	3610.0	3620.0	14
Previous open interest: 4032	Sep 95					0
Three Month Sterling	Jun 95	93.12	93.16	93.12	93.13	6616
Previous open interest: 412319	Sep 95	92.75	92.79	92.74	92.76	10862
	Dec 95	92.47	92.52	92.46	92.50	5501
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 95				93.88	0
Previous open interest: 1184	Sep 95				93.94	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 95	95.48	95.51	95.48	95.49	12263
Previous open interest: 662957	Sep 95	95.45	95.48	95.44	95.47	20869
Long Gilt	Jun 95	106-06	106-17	106-01	106-14	35431
Previous open interest: 119783	Sep 95	105-24	106-01	105-21	105-31	11351
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 95	118.50	118.54	118.44	118.50	589
	Sep 95	117.61	117.66	117.50	117.58	2314
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 95	94.10	94.45	94.10	94.40	83402
Previous open interest: 207456	Sep 95	93.58	93.83	93.58	93.83	6387
Three month ECU	Jun 95	93.80	93.84	93.80	93.83	906
Previous open interest: 20503	Sep 95	93.77	93.85	93.77	93.83	551
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 95	96.58	96.60	96.54	96.58	2530
Previous open interest: 38236	Sep 95	96.48	96.53	96.47	96.53	2131
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 95	100.28	101.16	99.91	100.85	47668
Previous open interest: 48650	Sep 95	99.52	100.50	99.50	100.28	1294

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾. Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¾ Low 6½ Week fixed: 6½
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6¼; 3 mth 6¼. Sell: 2 mth 6⅛; 3 mth: 6⅛.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6¾-6⅝	6¾-6⅝	6¾-6⅝	6⅞-6¾	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅝-6⅝	6⅝-6⅝	6⅞-6⅞	6⅞-6⅞	7⅜-7¼
Interbank:	6⅝-6⅝	6⅝-6⅝	6⅞-6⅝	6⅞-6⅞	7⅜-7¼

Overnight: open 6⅝, close 6½.

Local Authority Deps:	6⅝	n/a	6⅝	6⅞	7¼
Sterling CDs:	6⅝-6⅝	6⅝-6⅝	6⅝-6⅝	6⅞-6⅞	7⅜-7¼
Dollar CDs:	6.01	n/a	6.05	6.09	6.17
Building Society CDs:	6⅝-6⅝	6⅞-6⅞	6⅞-6⅞	6⅞-6⅞	7⅜-7¼

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1995 to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.87 %. Reference rate Dec 31, 1994 to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V: 6.624 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6-5½	6 1/16-5 15/16	6⅛-5⅞	6 1/16-5 15/16	5⅞-4¾
Deutschemark:	4⅝-4⅝	4⅝-4⅝	4⅝-4⅝	4¾-4⅝	5-4
French Franc:	7⅝-7⅝	7⅝-7⅝	7⅝-7	6⅞-6⅞	8⅛-6⅞
Swiss Franc:	3⅝-3⅜	3⅜-3⅜	3⅜-3⅜	3⅜-3⅜	3¼-2⅞
Yen:	1⅛-1⅛	1⅛-1⅛	1⅛-1⅛	1⅛-1⅛	1⅛-⅞

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $382.00-382.50 Close: $382.30-382.80 High: $382.30-382.80 Low: $380.40-380.90 AM: $382.35 PM: $381.55

Krugerrand: $383.00-385.00 (£243.50-245.50)

Platinum: $424.75 (£271.40) Silver: $5.33 (£3.385) Palladium: $157.05 (£100.35)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 22	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5330-2.5375	2.5340-2.5373	½-¼pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Brussels	46.49-46.67	46.55-46.66	8-4pr	22-15pr
Copenhagen	8.8400-8.8610	8.8410-8.8560	¼-¾ds	1-1⅜ds
Dublin	0.9805-0.9870	0.9841-0.9867	par-3ds	1ds-5pr
Frankfurt	2.2636-2.2670	2.2639-2.2670	⅛-¼pr	1⅛-1pr
Lisbon	237.30-238.30	237.35-237.98	67-76ds	188-208ds
Madrid	197.60-198.50	197.61-197.91	53-63ds	148-165ds
Milan	2630.00-2641.00	2630.90-2640.50	9-11ds	24-27ds
Montreal	2.1266-2.1487	2.1456-2.1487	0.21-0.30ds	0.33-0.44ds
New York	1.5668-1.5734	1.5724-1.5734	0.03-0.01pr	0.19-0.14pr
Oslo	10.0700-10.1000	10.0810-10.0960	1⅛-⅛pr	3⅛-2⅛pr
Paris	8.0110-8.0360	8.0210-8.0350	⅛-1⅛ds	⅛-1⅛ds
Stockholm	11.5450-11.6000	11.5460-11.5700	2⅛-2⅞ds	5⅛-6⅛ds
Tokyo	136.60-137.80	137.50-137.76	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Vienna	15.91-16.05	16.00-16.04	3-1⅛pr	8⅛-6⅛pr
Zurich	1.8850-1.8890	1.8856-1.8884	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr

Source: Extel. Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3912-1.3921
Austria	10.19-10.20
Belgium (Com)	29.80-29.81
Canada	1.3647-1.3652
Denmark	5.6610-5.6640
France	5.1220-5.1235
Germany	1.4490-1.4500
Hong Kong	7.7357-7.7367
Ireland	1.5935-1.5945
Italy	1686.00-1688.00
Japan	87.43-87.48
Malaysia	2.4620-2.4630
Netherlands	1.6212-1.6217
Norway	6.4525-6.4575
Portugal	152.03-152.13
Singapore	1.3942-1.3952
Spain	126.51-126.61
Sweden	7.3771-7.3846
Switzerland	1.2070-1.2080

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5689-1.5715
Australia dollar	2.1775-2.1797
Bahrain dinar	0.5845-0.5965
Brazil real*	1.3939-1.3980
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7075-0.7175
Finland markka	6.8525-6.9685
Greece drachma	361.50-368.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.1097-12.1134
India rupee	48.73-49.69
Indonesia rupiah	3459.00-3527.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4625-0.4725
Malaysia ringgit	3.8535-3.8563
New Zealand dollar	2.3758-2.3810
Pakistan rupee	48.26 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.815-5.941
Singapore dollar	2.1822-2.1852
S Africa rand (com)	5.742-5.844
U A E dirham	5.6925-5.8165

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	927	Legal & Gn	2,700
ASDA Gp	2,600	Lloyds Bk	516
Abbey Natl	2,000	MEPC	317
Alld Dom	3,700	Marks Spr	2,100
Argyll Gp	1,800	NatWst Bk	1,000
Arjo Wiggn	1,500	Nat Power	930
AB Foods	20	Nth Wst W	716
BAA	694	P & O	1,800
BAT Inds	2,000	Pearson	1,100
BOC	776	PowerGen	113
BP	9,800	Prudential	2,900
BTR	6,400	RMC	83
BT	6,000	RTZ	512
Bk of Scot	2,900	Rank Org	1,300
Barclays	482	Reckitt Col	524
Bass	327	Redland	823
Blue Circle	650	Reed Intl	536
Boots	1,300	Rentokil	116
Bowater	1,200	Reuters	1,900
Brit Aero	718	Rolls Royce	3,200
Brit Airwys	12,000	Ryl Ins	471
Brit Gas	2,100	Ryl Bk Scot	3,400
Brit Steel	2,300	Sainsbury	1,100
Burmah Cstl	315	Schroders	120
Cable Wire	2,400	Scot & New	513
Cadbury	2,900	Scot Power	976
Caradon	879	Sears	1,400
Carlton Cms	958	Svrn Trent	1,000
Cm Union	346	Shell Trans	1,600
Courtaulds	1,100	Siebe	328
De La Rue	587	SmKl Bch	1,900
Eastern Elec	454	Smith Nph	116
Enterpr Oil	164	Sthern Elec	537
Forte	1,200	Std Chartd	1,100
GKN	758	Sun Allnce	470
GRE	425	TI Gp	1,100
GUS	790	TSB	556
Gen Acc	384	Tate & Lyle	1,000
Gen Elec	1,900	Tesco	4,100
Glaxo Well	4,300	Thames W	1,400
Granada	347	Thrn EMI	1,200
Grand Met	2,400	Tomkins	2,800
Guinness	2,400	Unilever	813
HSBC	1,800	Utd Bisc	1,500
Hanson	4,400	Vodafone	3,000
ICI	764	Warburg	1,400
Inchcape	823	Whitbread	807
Kingfisher	2,500	Wlms Hld	2,800
Ladbroke	3,700	Wolseley	473
Land Secs	502	Zeneca	1,000

WALL STREET

	May 22 midday	May 19 close
AMP Inc	42¾	42¾
AMR Corp	67	66¾
AT & T	50⅛	50⅛
Abbott Labs	38⅛	37⅞
Advanced Micro	35½	34⅞
Aetna Life	59⅛	59½
Ahmanson (HF)	22½	22⅞
Air Prod & Chem	52½	52¾
Albertson's	28⅛	29⅛
Alcan Aluminm	28⅝	28⅞
Alco Standard	70⅛	69⅛
Allied Signal	39⅛	39⅛
Alum Co of Am	47	47
Amax Gold Inc	5⅛	5⅛
Amerada Hess	51¼	51
Amer Brands	40	39⅞
Amer El Power	32⅞	32¾
Amer Express	35	34⅞
Amer Genl Corp	33⅛	33⅛
Amer Home Pr	74½	74
Amer Intl	112½	111¼
Amer Stores	25	24⅞
Amer Standard	26⅛	26⅛
Ameritech	43⅞	43⅞
Amoco	66⅛	66½
Anheuser-Busch	58⅛	57⅞
Apple Computer	43½	42⅞
Archer Daniels	18⅝	18⅛
Armco	7	7
Armstrng Wrld	49⅞	49⅞
Asarco	27⅜	27⅞
Ashland Oil	36⅞	36½
Atl Richfield	113½	113⅛
Auto Data Pro	62⅝	61⅛
Avery Dennison	42½	42⅛
Avon Products	64	63⅝
Baker Hughes	22½	22⅝
Baltim Gas & El	24⅛	24⅛
Banc One	32⅝	31½
BankAmerica	50⅝	50⅝
Bank of NY	36⅞	36⅝
Bankers Tr NY	57⅝	56⅝
Barnett Banks	48⅝	47⅞
Bausch & Lomb	40⅞	40⅞
Baxter Intl	33⅞	33⅝
Becton Dicknsn	58⅝	58⅝
Bell Atlantic	54½	54
Bell Industries	20⅝	20⅝
BellSouth	60⅞	61⅛
Black & Decker	31¼	30⅞
Block (H&R)	37½	37⅝
Boeing	56	55⅝
Boise Cascade	34¼	34⅛
Bristol Myrs Sq	64⅝	64⅛
Browning Ferris	35⅝	35½
Brunswick	19½	20
Burlington Nthn	58½	57⅝
CBS	64½	64⅛
CNA Financial	83	82⅛
CPC Intl	58	58⅞
CSX	75½	75½
Campbell Soup	47⅝	47
Can Pacific	17½	17⅛
Cptl Cities ABC	90⅞	88⅞
Carolina Pwr	28⅝	28⅝
Caterpillar	61⅛	59⅞
Central & SW	24⅞	24⅞
Champion Intl	46½	46⅞
Chase Manhat	46⅞	46⅞
Chemical Bk	45¼	44¼
Chevron Corp	47⅝	47⅝
Chrysler	42½	42⅞
Chubb Corp	82⅞	82⅞
Cigna Corp	73⅝	72⅞
Citicorp	50	49½
Clorox	57⅝	57⅝
Coastal Corp	31⅛	30⅞
Coca Cola	58⅝	58⅝
Colgate-Palmolive	72	71½
Columbia Gas	30⅞	29⅝
Compaq Comp	40	40
Comp Ass Intl	66½	66
Conagra	31⅛	31½
Conrail	52⅝	52⅞
Cons Edison	27½	27⅛
Cons Nat Gas	39⅝	39
Cooper Inds	37⅞	38
Corning Inc	33	32⅞
Crown Cork	41½	41⅛
Dana Corp	27½	27⅛
Dayton Hudson	69⅝	69
Deere	88⅝	85⅞
Delta Air Lines	63⅞	63
Deluxe Corp	30⅞	30⅞
Detroit Edison	28⅞	28⅞
Digital Equip	47⅞	47
Dillard Dept St	27½	27⅛
Disney (Walt)	54½	54⅝
Dominion Res	37⅛	37⅝
Donelley (RR)	35⅝	35½
Dover Corp	65⅝	66½
Dow Chemical	72⅝	72⅝
Dow Jones	35⅝	36
Dresser	23⅝	23
Duke Power	40⅝	39⅝
Dun & Brdstreet	53⅞	53⅝
Du Pont	67¼	67⅞
Eastman Kodak	60⅝	60
Eaton Corp	58	56
Emerson Elec	69	68⅞
Engelhard Corp	40⅞	40

	May 22 midday	May 19 close
Enron Corp	36	35¼
Entergy	22⅞	22⅞
Ethyl Corp	11¼	11½
Exxon	69⅝	70⅛
FMC Corp	63½	63⅞
FPL Group	36⅞	36⅞
Federal Express	61¼	61½
Fed Nat Mtge	92⅛	91½
First Chicago	57⅞	57⅝
First Interstate	82⅞	81
First Union Rlty	7⅞	7½
Fleet Finl Grp	33⅞	33⅝
Fluor Corp	51¼	51½
Ford Motor	28⅛	28⅝
GTE Corp	32⅞	32⅞
Gannett	52⅝	52⅝
Gap Inc Del	33½	34⅛
Gen Dynamics	45	44⅛
Gen Electric	57	56½
Gen Mills	59⅞	58
Gen Motors	47	46½
Gen Reinsurance	131	130⅝
Gen Signal	37	36½
Genuine Parts	39⅝	38⅝
Georgia Pac	77⅛	77⅝
Gillette	82½	82⅞
Glaxo Wellc ADR	22½	22
Goodrich (BF)	48⅝	49
Goodyear Tire	41¼	40⅞
Grace (W&R)	60	59⅝
Grt Atl Pac Tea	24	24½
Great Wstn Fin	20⅞	20⅞
Halliburton	37⅞	37⅞
Harcourt General	41⅛	40⅝
Heinz (HJ)	42½	43
Hercules	52½	50⅞
Hershey Foods	51⅛	50⅝
Hewlett Packard	69⅞	67⅝
Hilton Hotels	67⅞	67⅛
Home Depot	41½	40⅝
Homestake Mng	16⅞	16½
Honeywell	38⅝	39⅞
Household Intl	48⅝	48⅞
Houston Inds	40⅝	40⅝
Humana	20⅞	20⅞
ITT Corp	110⅞	108⅞
Illinois Tool	51½	50⅞
Illinova	23⅝	23⅞
INCO	24⅛	25
Ingersoll Rand	38⅞	37⅛
Inland Steel	28⅞	28⅝
Intel Corp	113⅞	111½
IBM	94½	93½
Intl Flav & Fr	48⅞	48⅞
Intl Paper	80⅞	78⅞
James River Va	25⅞	25⅝
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	63⅞	62⅞
Kellogg	65⅞	65⅝
Kerr-McGee	54	53⅝
Kimberly-Clark	57⅝	56½
Kmart	12⅝	13
Knight-Ridder	55	55
Lilly (Eli)	72⅞	72⅞
Limited Inc	22⅞	22⅞
LIN Brdcstng	123⅞	123⅝
Lincoln Nat	42⅞	42⅞
Litton	36½	36½
Liz Claiborne	18⅝	18½
Lockheed Martin	57⅞	58½
Louisiana Pac	27⅞	27⅞
MCI Comm	20½	20⅞
Marriott Intl	36⅝	35⅞
Marsh & McLnn	77⅛	77
Masco Corp	28⅝	28⅞
May Dept St	38⅞	38⅞
Maytag Corp	16⅞	15⅞
McDonalds	36⅞	35⅞
McDonnell D	71½	69⅞
McGraw Hill	74⅛	74⅞
Mead Corp	57⅞	52½
Medtronic	75½	75½
Mellon Bk	42⅞	42
Melville Corp	38	38⅛
Merck Inc	42⅝	42
Merrill Lynch	46⅞	45⅞
Minnesota Mine	58⅞	57½
Mobil Corp	99⅝	99⅞
Monsanto	80⅞	81½
Morgan (JP)	68⅛	67⅛
Motorola Inc	59½	58⅛
Natl Semi	27½	26½
Natl Service Ind	28⅞	29⅞
Navistar Int	15½	15½
NBD Bancorp	31⅛	31⅛
NY Times A	23½	23⅝
Newmont Mng	41½	40⅞
Niag Mohawk	14	13⅞
Nike B	78⅞	78⅞
NL Industries	14½	14½
Noram Energy	6⅛	6⅛
Nordstrom	38⅞	38⅞
Norfolk Sthrn	65⅞	65⅞
Nthn State Pwr	45	45½
Norwest Corp	27⅛	27
Nynex Corp	40⅞	40
Occidental Pet	23⅞	23⅛
Ohio Edison	20⅞	20⅞
Oracle Systems	33½	34
Oryx Energy Co	13⅝	13⅝
Owens Corning	37½	36⅞

	May 22 midday	May 19 close
PPG Industries	40	40
PNC Bank	26	25⅝
Paccar Inc	47½	47⅝
Pacificorp	19	19
Pac Enterprises	24⅝	25
Pac Gas & Elect	28⅞	28⅝
Pac Telesis	26⅛	26½
Pall Corp	21½	21½
Panhandle East	24⅞	24⅝
Parker Hannifin	54⅝	53½
Peco Energy	26⅞	26⅝
Penney (JC)	45½	45⅝
Pennzoil	49⅝	49⅝
Pepsico	45⅛	44⅝
Pfizer	84⅝	84⅝
Phelps Dodge	54⅛	54⅝
Philip Morris	69⅝	69⅞
Phillips Pet	36½	36⅞
Pitney Bowes	36⅞	36⅝
Polaroid	37	37
PriceCostco	13⅝	13⅝
Procter & Gmbl	68⅛	67⅝
Providian	34½	35⅛
Pub Serv E & G	28	27⅝
Quaker Oats	33½	34⅛
Ralston Purina	48⅝	48⅝
Raychem Corp	35⅝	34⅞
Raytheon	75⅝	75⅝
Reebok Intl	34	34½
Reynolds Metals	49⅛	49⅝
Roadway Srvcs	45	45⅝
Rockwell Intl	44⅞	43⅝
Rohm & Haas	59⅝	59½
Royal Dutch	121½	121
Rubbermaid	30⅝	30
SBC Comms	43⅝	42⅝
Safeco Corp	57⅛	57⅝
St Paul's Cos	49	48⅝
Salomon Inc	39½	40
Santa Fe Pac	23⅝	12⅝
Sara Lee Corp	27	26⅝
Seecorp	16½	16⅝
Schering Plough	74⅝	74⅝
Schlumberger	64⅛	64⅛
Scott Paper	43½	43½
Seagram	29	28⅝
Sears Roebuck	55⅛	55
Shell Trans	72	71½
Sherwin Wlms	36½	35⅝
Skyline Corp	18½	18⅞
Snap-On-Tools	35⅞	34½
Southern Co	21	20⅝
Sprint Corp	32⅝	32½
Stanley Works	39½	38⅞
Sun Company	31½	31½
Sun Microsys	46⅝	45
Suntrust	57	56½
Supervalu	27⅛	26⅝
Sysco Corp	27⅛	27
TRW Inc	73⅛	73⅞
TCC Inds	2⅛	2⅝
Tandem Comp	14	13⅝
Tandy Corp	48⅛	48⅝
Teledyne	24⅝	25
Temple Inland	44⅞	44⅝
Tenet Healthcare	16⅛	16⅝
Tenneco	46½	46⅝
Texaco	66⅝	67⅛
Texas Inst	119⅛	117½
Texas Utilities	33½	33½
Textron	58⅝	57⅞
Time Warner	39	39⅞
Times-Mirror A	23⅞	22⅝
Timken	44	44
Torchmark	39½	39⅞
Toys R Us	25	24⅝
Transamerica	57⅛	56⅝
Travelers	42⅞	42⅝
Tribune	58⅛	58
Tyco Labs	54⅛	53½
UST Inc	29⅛	29⅝
UAL	113⅝	112⅝
USX Marathon	18½	18⅝
Unicom	26½	26½
Unilever NV	122⅞	121½
Union Camp	51⅛	51½
Union Carbide	29⅝	28⅝
Union Pacific	54⅝	54½
Unisys Corp	10⅛	10⅝
USAir Group	8	7⅞
USF&G Corp	16½	16⅝
US Life	37⅛	37⅛
US West	39⅝	39⅝
United Tech	74½	72½
Unocal Corp	29½	29⅝
Upjohn	34⅛	35
VF Corp	52⅝	52⅞
WMX Tech	28	27⅝
Wal-Mart Stores	25	24⅞
Warner-Lambert	78⅝	78⅞
Wells Fargo	174½	174½
Westinghouse El	14½	14½
Weyerhaeuser	42½	42⅞
Whirlpool	55⅛	54⅞
Whitman	18⅝	18
Winn Dixie	55⅝	53
Woolworth	15	15⅛
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44½	43⅝
Xerox	118	117⅝
Yellow Corp	19⅝	20

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Dom.	500	32½	43½	50½	6½	11	18
(*519½)	550	7½	18	25	33	37	43
Argyll	300	8	16½	22	14	18½	22½
(*300½)	330	0½	6½	11½	38½	40	42½
ASDA	80	4½	7	9	3	4	5½
(*82)	90	1	3	4½	9	10	11½
Boots	500	31	41	48	7	10½	17
(*529)	550	5	15	23½	35½	37½	43
Br Airways	390	24	30½	38½	8½	15	19
(*409)	420	7½	16	24	25	31	34½
BP	420	30½	45	51	3½	7	10
(*450)	460	10	20½	27½	16½	23	26½
Br Steel	160	17	19	20½	2	4½	6½
(*175)	180	4½	8	10	11	14	16
C & W	390	26½	36	44	7½	13	17½
(*408½)	420	10	21½	29	23	28	32½
CU	550	43	51½	62	7	16½	21½
(*582)	600	14	25½	36½	28½	42	46½
ICI	750	42	53½	71	10½	24½	28
(*773)	800	15	28	45	34	50½	53
Kingfishr	460	21	33½	44½	13	23½	27½
(*466)	500	6	15½	26½	38	46½	50
Land Sec	550	36	41	46½	7½	11½	17½
(*584½)	600	4½	15½	21	38	40	43½
M & S	390	30	37	44½	3	7½	9½
(*417½)	420	10	19	27	16	19½	22
Nat West	500	52	56	66½	3½	11½	15
(*544½)	550	17½	26½	38	18½	33	36
Sainsbury	420	22½	32½	40½	5	9½	13
(*433)	460	4½	11½	20	28	30½	33½
Shell	750	27½	42	53	9½	21	25
(*760)	800	6	16	28½	41	48½	52½
Smkl Bch	460	46	54	63	2	7	12
(*498)	500	17½	29	39½	13½	21	27½
Storehse	240	10	17	21	8½	11	13½
(*241)	260	2½	8	12	22	23½	25
Trafalgar	50	4½	7½	9	3	5	6
(*50)	60	1½	3½	5½	10½	11½	12½
Unilever	1200	37	67	83½	22½	32	41½
(*1200½)	1250	15	41½	58	52½	59	67½
Zeneca	900	53	70	88½	12½	26	32½
(*934)	950	24	42	61	34½	49½	55

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Grnd Met	360	31	37½	42½	6	8	13
(*384½)	390	12	20	26	18½	21	27
Ladbroke	180	11½	16½	21	5½	9½	11
(*184)	200	3½	7½	12	17½	20½	22½
Utd Bisc	300	37	43	48	3	8	9½
(*329)	330	16½	24½	30½	10	19½	22

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
BAA	460	34	43	51	4½	8½	13
(*487½)	500	9½	20	29	22½	26	31
Thames W	460	31	36	40	8½	15½	21½
(*487)	500	7	15	21	33½	37½	43

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
BAT Ind	460	42	47½	58	10	16½	20
(*489)	500	17½	26	36½	29½	35	39
BTR	330	20½	25½	30	6½	11½	13½
(*339)	360	6	10½	16	22½	28½	29½
Br Aero	545	35	48½	—	2½	36	—
(*545½)	594	15	28	—	56½	63½	—
Br Telcm	390	22	25	27½	10	15½	20
(*400)	420	7	10	14½	30½	33½	38
Cadbury	447	24	—	—	11	—	—
(*454)	486	7½	—	—	34½	—	—
Guinness	460	26	34½	45	10	16	20
(*469)	500	8	15½	25½	33½	37½	41
GEC	300	22	24½	28	6	9	12
(*316½)	330	4½	9	13	23	25½	27½
Hanson	240	9	12½	16	7½	11½	14½
(*242)	260	3	5½	8	22	25	27
LASMO	160	13	18½	22½	5	7	8½
(*166)	180	4	9½	13	16	18	19
Lucas	180	21	25	27	3	7½	9½
(*195½)	200	9½	13½	16½	11	17	19
Pilkingtn	180	8	13	16½	6	9½	11½
(*182½)	200	1½	5	8½	20	22½	23½
Prudential	330	17½	21½	27	10	17½	19
(*332)	360	6	10	14½	29½	36	37½
Redland	460	22½	33	43	16	25	26½
(*461½)	500	8	15½	25½	41½	48	49½
R-Royce	180	13	16½	21½	6	10	12
(*184)	200	4½	8	12½	18	21	23
Tesco	260	19	24	30	4½	8	10
(*270½)	280	8	13½	19	14	17½	19½
Vodafone	180	23½	29½	33	2½	5	7½
(*199)	200	11	17½	21½	10	13	16
Williams	300	34½	37½	42½	1½	5	6
(*328½)	330	13½	17½	24	11	16	17

FT-SE INDEX (*3283½)

	3150	3200	3250	3300	3350	3400
Calls						
Jun	154½	112	73	42	20	9
Jul	178	139½	104½	75	52	31½
Aug	190	152½	119	88½	65½	44½
Sep	202½	167	135	107½	83½	64
Dec	—	224	—	164	—	117½
Puts						
Jun	6½	12½	24½	45	75½	117½
Jul	17½	31½	46½	67½	95½	129½
Aug	28½	41½	58½	78½	106	137½
Sep	35	50	68½	92½	119	152
Dec	—	87½	—	127½	—	181½

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	460	19	30	40	5½	16	19
(*472)	500	3½	11½	21	29½	38½	40½
Amstrad	200	17½	24	29	1½	5½	8
(*215½)	220	5	12½	17½	8½	14	16½
Barclays	650	21½	34	48	10	28	33½
(*659½)	700	3½	14	26	42	59	63
Blue Circ	300	13	23	29	5	13	17
(*305½)	330	2	10	15½	25	29½	33½
Br Gas	280	20	26½	31	1	4	7½
(*297)	300	5½	13½	19	7	11½	16
Dixons	240	7	12	17½	6½	13	16
(*240)	260	1	5	9½	20½	27	28½
Forte	240	6	14½	19½	4½	8½	11½
(*241½)	260	0½	6	10½	18½	20½	23
Hillsdwn	180	5½	12	16	3½	6	9
(*182)	200	0	4	7½	18	18½	21
Lonrho	140	20	22	25½	0	1½	3½
(*159)	160	5	8½	13	4½	8½	10½
Sears	100	9½	12½	14	0	1½	2
(*108½)	110	2½	6	8	3	5	6
Thrn Emi	1200	32	51	71½	15½	43	50½
(*1207½)	1250	10	28	49½	46	74	79½
Tomkins	220	19	23½	27½	0½	5½	7½
(*236½)	240	6	11	16	6½	14	16
TSB	240	15½	21	28	2½	8½	12½
(*251½)	260	5	11	18	11½	18½	22½
Wellcome	1000	57	61½	—	0	3	—
(*1056)	1050	7	17½	—	7	17½	—

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Glaxo Well	700	32½	46½	55	14½	32½	39½
(*709)	750	11½	23	32½	44½	63	67½
HSBC	800	41½	63½	81½	25½	44	54
(*808½)	850	19½	41	58	54½	71	80½
Reuter	460	30½	42	53½	7½	14	19½
(*478)	500	10	21	32½	27½	34	39
Royal Ins	300	27	31½	38	5	11½	15
(*320)	330	9½	16	23	18	26½	30

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Fisons	160	20½	26½	31½	0½	4	7½
(*178½)	180	7	13	20	6	11½	16

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Eastern Gp	600	57	68	76	18½	27	33½
(*641½)	650	26½	42	50½	43	51½	58½

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Natl Pwr	460	10½	18	27½	16	22½	26½
(*461)	500	1	5½	13	50½	52½	53½
Scot Pwr	330	9	17	22	7	18½	21
(*330½)	360	1	6	11	29½	39	41

May 22, 1995 Tot: 34528 Call: 17619 Put: 16909 FT-SE Call: 8368 Put: 4325
*Underlying security price.

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THE TIMES

CITY DIARY

Exchange is no robbery?

HOTELS can even beat bankers when it comes to exchange rates. At the Quay Thistle Hotel, Poole, bankers from London were aghast at the weekend when an American was told $1 was worth 54p. After commission of £3, he received £51 for his $100. When challenged, the assistant general manager said: "You'll find exorbitant exchange rates at most hotels, won't you?" Not so. At London's Tower Thistle Hotel, $1.70 equalled £1 yesterday, and at The Savoy $1.76 equalled £1, both with commission included. It obviously pays to take a banker away for the weekend. At their insistence, the American's £51 was changed back into $100.

A TRAIN by any other name ... A new rose, Eurostar, "with large globe shaped blooms of yellow with a sweet fragrance" was launched at the Chelsea Flower Show yesterday. The rose was cultivated in Denmark and will be marketed in Britain by Mattocks Roses of Oxford. May it never bloom late.

Bank's blessing

ENCOURAGING to note that the Greeks acknowledge God and Mammon in banking. Yannis Costopoulos, chairman of the $7.2 billion Alpha Credit Bank, Greece's largest private sector bank, last night hosted a reception at the Honourable Artillery Company marking the bank's acquisition of Commercial Bank of London. Among the 300-plus domestic and international guests was His Eminence Archbishop Gregorios of Thyateira and Great Britain.



ALLIED Domecq expects to announce a winner of its competition for F names for its Firkin pub chain (City Diary, May 17) this week. Closing entries include: FlyOver & Firkin in Hammersmith, Felony & Firkin in Old Bailey, Fillies & Firkin at Ascot, Fail & Firkin outside Barings, and Forgive & Firkin, near Westminster Cathedral.

Sound returns

DO YOU recall in which year the £1 coin replaced the note, Sir Clive Sinclair launched the C5 car, and the Bank rate was 14 per cent? Why, it was 1985 — and ten years ago yesterday Smith & Williamson's Smaller Securities Unit Trust was launched. £1,000 invested then would now be worth £4,167.60.

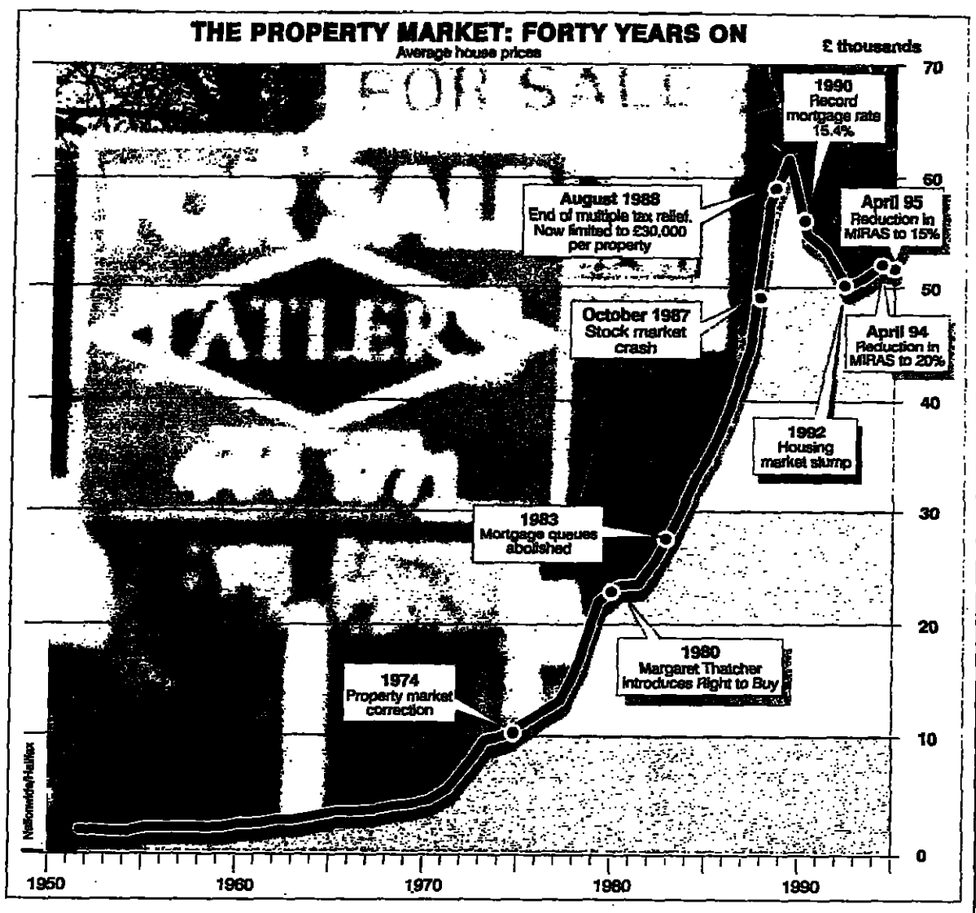
On their bikes

MICHAEL HESELTINE, President of the Board of Trade, tells me that he had an uneasy moment during his rewarding visit to China last week. At a ceremony in Shanghai, a glance at the programme showed that he was to unveil a "plague". Fortunately, it was a mispelling. The Middle Kingdom clearly left Heseltine impressed. He found superhighways, first-class hotels and a country bent on becoming a world leader. "When I was last there, 22 years ago, they all had bicycles and Mao suits."

COLIN CAMPBELL

From great expectations to bleak house on home front

The house price debate is at the top of the political agenda, say Robert Miller and Anne Ashworth



In the Nineties, ingrained pessmism has become the best qualification for a career in making house price predictions. The courage to be the bearer of bad tidings is another prerequisite, as Douglas Wood, NatWest Professor of Finance of the Manchester Business School, has discovered, after his predictions on the BBC's *Panorama* programme last night that prices would continue to fall in real terms for the next 20 years.

His critics argue that short-term forecasting of the housing market is tricky enough, without trying to gaze into the next millenium. Nevertheless, he has put the house price debate at the top of the political agenda, a move that will strengthen the arguments of mortgage lenders at their crisis meeting on Thursday with Peter Lilley, Secretary of State for Social Security.

The bosses of the £350 billion mortgage industry want to force a U-turn in government policy. They contend that plans to severely restrict mortgage income support payments from October will so harm the housing market that Professor Wood's predictions could even come true.

Professor Wood has powerful supporters for his doom-laden forecasts. Bears of the housing market include, Roger Bootle, the respected chief economist at Midland Bank. Last week he told the building societies annual conference in Birmingham that prices still had further to fall. The reception was frosty.

The professor believes that by 2015, prices could be as much as 30 per cent lower in real terms than today, as the changes in the labour market transform the average employee from a full-time staff member to a short-term contract worker, fraught with uncertainties. Unable to predict his future earnings, he will be unwilling to take on the responsibility of home ownership and mortgage repayments.

The 10 million Britons who have already shouldered both these burdens will, however, be relieved to learn that not everyone in the home price prediction business is as melancholic.

A survey by *The Times* yesterday of the leading commentators reveals none who believes that prices are set to return to the giddy heights of Eighties' great expectations. At the same time, however, there is a growing belief that relatively stable house prices in a low inflationary environment could provide a permanence to family life, missing in the sell-up and move-on mentality of the Eighties' housing market, reinforcing the old-fashioned view that a house is for life and is very much a long-term investment.

One supporter of such views is Margaret Schwarz, economist at the Abbey National, who believes that people will start to buy houses later in their lives and stay in them for longer periods. Underpinning house prices will be planning restrictions and environmental concerns that mean that numbers of new houses will not be built.

Ms Scharwz adds: "In a low inflation environment, with house prices stable, the nominal value of your house will remain the same, but if you have a repayment mortgage, your debt will be decreasing, as you are repaying a certain percentage each month."

Others, like Ciaran Barr, UK economist at Morgan Grenfell, are convinced that the Government cannot afford to turn its back on home ownership. He says: "The repercussions arising from a massive and sustained fall in house prices are so dire that it is inconceivable any Government would let it happen. It would impact on all sorts of other key areas of the economy, such as the construction industry and retail sales."

As the lenders and ministers meet, they will be looking back to the halycon days of the Eighties and wonder how they came to be at such odds on what was once a shared goal of wider home ownership. Perhaps, it is no coincidence that housing market activity peaked in 1989, shortly after the abolition of multiple mortgage tax relief. Between 1964 and 1977, the birthrate in the UK fell by a third. By the end of the Eighties, most late baby boomers had taken their first step on to the housing ladder. This means that today's first-time buyers will no longer provide the impetus for a recovery in the housing market as their numbers are far fewer, although the affordability of property for this category has never been better.

In 1990, first-time buyers were spending more than a quarter of their average monthly income to support their mortgage payments. Last year, that ratio fell to 13 per cent.

Within this band of first-time buyers who entered the market in the 1980s were an estimated 2.5 million or so who were encouraged, with active support from the Government, to purchase from a local authority under the "right-to-buy" schemes. A significant proportion of these owners are now unable to move. There are few buyers, and even if there were, many lenders will not grant home loans on these properties. These unfortunate borrowers are likely to form the permanent "rump" of those caught in the negative equity trap, with home loans larger than the value of their property. At present, there are about 1.2 million people judged to be living with negative equity, with only few mortgage lenders willing to offer special packages to help to resolve the problem.

Furthermore, Adrian Coles, Director-General of the Council of Mortgage Lenders (CML), whose members represent 98 per cent of the mortgage market suggests that at least twice as many homeowners again are living in a "neutral" equity situation. This is where the loan is just covered by the value of the property and the homeowners cannot generate sufficient cash to cover increased deposits and professional fees, such as those of estate agents, surveyors and solicitors, associated with moving house

In the Eighties, in a buoyant market, homeowners could trade their way out of trouble. That is clearly no longer the case. Much of the real damage was inflicted on homeowners and the market alike between the 1989 peak and December 1991 when the Government was forced to intervene. It was then, after a crisis meeting at the Treasury attended by lenders and officials from the Department of Social Security, that the Government agreed to make a key concession and pay mortgage-related income support payments directly to the lenders.

For their part, lenders agreed not to repossess any home where state support covered mortgage outgoings. As a further sweetener, the Government declared a moratorium on the 1 per cent stamp duty on housing transactions up to a value of £250,000 until August 1992. Thereafter, the stamp duty was reactivated, albeit it at a £60,000 threshold as opposed to the old £30,000 level.

Mr Coles said that the only effect of the moratorium was to cause a "bulge" in transactions around July and August. Thereafter, housing transactions fell away sharply.

In the present state of the housing market, transactions are regarded as more crucial than prices. But Inland Revenue figures published last Friday show that, at 85,000, housing transactions in April were at their lowest for that month since records began in 1977.

When lenders meet the ministers, they will be armed with with an independent survey commissioned by the Department of the Environment. This shows that private mortgage insurance protection policies to cover the shortfall in state payments will not work. If the DSS is not willing to change its policy, Mr Coles says repossessions will automatically rise from their present level of about 1,000 a week.

New borrowers, including those who remortgage, will have to take out mortgage protection cover. At an average monthly cost of £7 for every £100 insured, this will add greatly to the cost of supporting a mortgage to a point where it could deter prospective buyers. And thus prove Professor Woods was absolutely right.

What the industry forecasts

☐ **Abbey National:** Continues to predict a modest improvement in prices of between 0.2 per cent and 4 per cent this year. The bank believes that there will be no return to the large increases of the past but that prices will continue to be supported by the lack of affordable rental properties outside London, and by a reluctance to build homes on Green Belt sites.

☐ **Halifax:** At the beginning of the year, Britain's largest mortgage lender expected a "very small recovery" in 1995, but added this would be limited by lower mortgage tax relief, lower DSS income support and possible further rate rises. At the end of March, the building society could see no recovery. But it predicts prices will start to improve in 1996, by 2-4 per cent.

☐ **UBS:** Fearing the impact of the income-support proposals on the market, Rob Thomas of UBS yesterday cut his house price forecast from 6 to 3 per cent. Better times are just around the corner. Mr Thomas expects a rise of 6 per cent in 1996 and predicts that the recovery will be in "full swing" by 1997, although prices will be rising from a very low base.

☐ **Midland Bank:** Roger Bootle, chief economist, sees virtually no change in prices this year and no overall movement in prices for the foreseeable future thereafter.

☐ **Morgan Grenfell:** Began the year predicting a 1.5 per cent rise in house prices, since downgraded to 0.5 per cent. Morgan Grenfell says the market has not yet "bottomed out" and is unlikely to do so until early next year when prices will increase by 2.5 per cent. This will be followed by a rise of 4 per cent in 1997 and 5 per cent in 1998.

☐ **Nationwide:** The building society has changed its initial forecast of house price increases of up to 2.5 per cent to "little change" on the year. Philip Williamson, the society's divisional director, says: "Given the generally fragile confidence and the threat of a future rise in interest rates, it now looks as though we may not see a sustained recovery until 1996 when stronger growth in personal incomes is expected to underpin the substantial improvement in activity."

Gates's window of opportunity is firmly closed

Eric Reguly explains why Microsoft dropped its $2bn acquisition of Intuit

Microsoft's decision to abandon its $2 billion purchase of Intuit, the main US publisher of personal finance software, may trigger a strategic shift by the world's top software company.

Microsoft must now realise the US Justice Department, which had sued to block the merger of Microsoft and Intuit, on anti-trust grounds, is watching its every move. The Clinton Administration has been weak in key policy areas, but anti-trust is not one of them.

Rick Rule, a former Assistant Attorney-General for anti-trust, said: "This is one of the most aggressive anti-trust Administrations in the past 15 or 20 years."

With the Justice Department, becoming more aggressive, Microsoft must devote more effort to organic growth. Acquisitions that give it a big, let alone dominant, presence in certain product areas may have to be avoided to keep the peace.

This is the upshot of the failed Intuit takeover. Microsoft now has to rethink its master plan on how to become an important player in the burgeoning market for commerce software. Its first effort, it appears, will be to ramp Money, its own personal-finance programme. Money 4, the latest version, will be launched this autumn. But success is not assured. Money is the third-ranked product of its kind on the market, and will be competing with Intuit's top-selling Quicken software.

> "Acquisitions in some areas may have to be avoided to keep peace"

Some analysts were surprised that Microsoft gave up. It agreed to buy Intuit in October and six months later, when the Justice Department filed a lawsuit to block the deal, the two companies insisted they were "100 per cent committed" to the merger. They sought expedited hearings and a trial was set for June.

Some observers thought the department's manoeuvre smacked of revenge. In a separate anti-trust case that began four years ago, the department charged Microsoft with signing restrictive licensing agreements with personal computer makers, making it uneconomic for them to choose rival operating systems. But the department failed to find grounds to prosecute and last year settled with Microsoft, which agreed to alter its agreements with computer makers. In February, a US district judge overturned the settlement, saying it did not go far enough. The decision is under appeal.

The Justice Department's efforts to block the Microsoft-Intuit merger seemed somewhat spurious in market-control terms. Intuit's Quicken has about 70 per cent of the personal-finance software market against Money's 22 per cent. Putting the two together would have put a hammerlock on the market, but Microsoft had agreed to hand over Money to Novell, another software company, if the merger went through. Actual market shares, in other words, would not have changed. But, in the US, a company can be in violation of anti-trust rules even if its market position is not dominant. The Justice Department can challenge any takeover that substantially reduces competition. In this case, it appeared it was worried that Microsoft, as powerful and clever as it is, might turn Quicken's 70 per cent share into 90 per cent overnight. Indeed, the department's lawsuit quoted Intuit's board being told a merger would eliminate a bloody share war. The lawsuit said that Intuit's code name for Microsoft was "Godzilla."

Microsoft may have won the case. But Bill Gates, the founder and chairman, thought the computer world was moving too fast to wait a year or so before the court gave a ruling. He said: "Progress toward realising our goals could not wait until the lawsuit was resolved. It's time for Microsoft to put this behind us and move on."

Microsoft, by abandoning the Intuit takeover, no doubt has won points with the department whose ego has been massaged by a victory without the expense and tedium of a trial. This may come in handy in the future when Microsoft's expansion strategy again raises eyebrows at the department.



Bill Gates could not wait for the lawsuit to be resolved

BUSINESS LETTERS

Bill should allow many more villages to be connected

From the Minister for Industry and Energy

Sir, The villagers of Ingham in west Suffolk (Ross Tieman, May 19) should be very pleased with the provisions of the Gas Bill. It and the accompanying licences contain no less than four measures designed to make it easier for villages such as Ingham to get gas.

First, the Bill allows competition in bringing gas to new areas so that companies other than British Gas can run the pipes to the village.

Second, gas suppliers will be able to offer long-term agreements covering both laying pipes and selling gas.

Third, pipeline companies will be able to spread that cost of connection over many years through the price of gas, rather than requiring it all in advance.

The villages themselves will be free to club together to employ their own contractors to lay a pipe, and then require British Gas to connect them.

Taken together, these measures should allow many more villages to be connected than would otherwise be the case.

Yours faithfully,
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Total independence

From the chairman, Top Pay Research Group

Sir, Stoy Hayward's challenge to the change of auditors at the RAC, citing a possible loss-leader audit fee as a gateway to more lucrative consulting assignments, mirrors a more dangerous ethical issue in remuneration advice.

Word is that the Greenbury Committee will limit itself to recommending full disclosure of directors' emoluments and some restrictions on incestuous non-executive director networking.

I hope, however, that they will also address the issue of the consultant, if any, used by the remuneration committee for independent advice on salary rates, incentive schemes and performance assessments.

Cadbury recommended outside advisers. We suggest that it is in shareholders' interests that advisers should also be independent of other major professional fee-earning relationships as auditors, solicitors, actuaries, pension advisers and possibly management consultants to the group or its major subsidiaries.

Yours faithfully,
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SIB changes

From Mr Martin Owen

Sir, You report (May 18) that the Chairman of the SFA, supported by the Chief Executive of Imro, favours a streamlining of supervision of the financial services industry. Within its first ten years, SIB has, under three different chairmen, developed three very different regulatory approaches. The first two were discarded before they had been tried. The third is in its infancy.

Each SRO has been the subject of merger or other major change. Huge resources have been diverted, abortive costs for firms have been high, understanding of regulation weakened. Views will always differ about regulatory structure and approach. Evolution in the light of experience will always be necessary. The costs of instability and discontinuity should always be weighed before yet another structural change is embarked upon.

Yours faithfully,
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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 01895 259 783				
Grofund Amer	169.40	179.30		0.30
Grofund Equity	239.20	254.40†	+ 0.10	2.44
Grofund Euro	210.10	222.30	- 1.00	0.28
Grofund Expl Bal	115.50	119.70	...	3.14
Grofund Gilt	75.18	77.50	- 0.01	5.31
Grofund Japan	150.20	159.00	- 2.60	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS 01203 553 231				
General Acc	553.40	588.80	- 2.40	2.85
General Inc	482.50	513.30	- 2.10	2.85
UK Growth Acc	373.60	397.50†	- 2.10	2.96
UK Growth Inc	252.20	268.30†	- 1.30	3.96
Higher Inc Acc	691.50	735.70†	- 3.00	4.10
Higher Inc Inc	392.40	417.50†	- 1.70	4.10
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	191.90	202.70	- 0.50	5.77
Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	90.58	95.67	+ 0.25	5.77
Nth America	279.60	297.50†	+ 1.40	
Europe	285.10	303.40	+ 1.70	0.88
Bnl Excell	74.24	78.88†	+ 0.32	3.07
Bnl Fndmtls Acc	104.30	111.00	+ 0.30	4.77
Bnl Fndmtls Inc	74.81	79.58	- 0.25	4.77
Global Opps	86.60	92.13†	- 0.05	0.44
Balanced Acc	55.36	58.90†	- 0.15	3.07
Balanced Inc	53.64	57.07†	- 0.15	3.07
Japan Acc	44.22	47.05	- 0.09	
Pac Basin Acc	368.40	392.00	+ 2.00	0.86
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	129.90	137.80	- 0.30	7.28
High Inc Equity	163.00	174.30†		4.52
Worldwide Bond	281.70	298.80†	+ 0.40	4.35
Capital Growth				
American Growth	291.00	311.40	- 0.10	1.02
Asian Pacific	310.40	330.20	+ 0.60	
Assets & Earnings	266.60	283.60†	+ 0.30	2.93
Cmmdty & Energy	94.62	101.20	- 0.20	.13
Euro Capital Inc	138.60	148.20†	+ 0.60	.65
(Accum Units)	148.70	159.00	+ 0.70	.65
General	238.70	253.90	+ 0.90	2.14
Japan	113.50	121.40	- 1.90	
Mastertrust	141.80	151.70	- 0.20	1.67
US Growth Dist	119.00	127.30†		3.02
US Emerging Cos	135.50	144.10	+ 0.20	
Income & Growth	390.10	415.00†	+ 0.80	3.01
Ethical	68.42	72.79	- 0.22	3.02
International	113.50	120.70	- 0.60	1.09
Dividend & Growth	61.58	65.43	+ 0.05	4.29
Global Gwth & Sec	67.59	72.13	- 0.08	2.70
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£17.55	£18.25	...	...
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	45.67	48.45†	+ 0.26	0.63
Cash	50.47	50.47	+ 0.02	5.79
Emerging Mkts	68.99	72.79	+ 0.14	0.05
European	115.20	120.40	- 0.10	
Exempt	975.30	£10.44†	- 2.50	1.78
Extra Income	45.91	49.10	+ 0.06	6.14
Far East Emg Eco	116.10	123.00	- 0.30	0.51
Fixed Interest	22.32	23.43†	+ 0.05	8.82
Fund Inv Tst	163.00	171.50†	+ 0.40	9.07
Japan	172.30	181.10	- 2.70	
Latin American	51.84	54.40	- 0.20	0.90
Pacific	74.38	78.48†	+ 0.15	0.33
Property Share	60.70	63.72	+ 0.20	2.14
UK Emerging Cos	62.27	65.37	+ 0.10	1.89
UK Growth	44.28	46.95†	- 0.17	2.50
Aber World Port	72.41	73.60†	+ 0.16	2.23
Ethical	62.74	65.86	+ 0.09	2.68
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	49.89	49.89	+ 0.01	7.52
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 549 3232				
British Growth				
British Income				
Select Portfolio	86.27	91.78†	- 0.90	
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 01452 305 958				
Amity Income	74.84	79.19	+ 0.07	2.61
Income Builder Inc	69.63	74.29	+ 0.18	2.95
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	235.70	251.90†	+ 1.50	3.10
Capital	414.30	442.80†	+ 2.40	1.87
Balanced	694.90	742.60†	+ 4.30	2.68
Accumulator	£12.86	£13.74	+ 8.00	2.95
Income Trusts				
American Income	50.11	53.56	- 0.44	3.32
High Income	401.30	428.90	- 2.10	3.60
Equity Income	225.90	241.40	- 0.90	3.45
High Yield	240.30	256.80†	+ 1.30	3.38
Govt Securities	33.14	34.99†	+ 0.10	6.06
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	156.70	167.50	- 1.00	0.42
European Growth	35.46	37.80	+ 0.15	0.01
International	157.60	168.40†	+ 0.40	0.20
Japan	180.30	192.20†	- 3.10	0.01
Pacific	370.10	395.60	- 1.70	0.01
Secs of America	449.70	478.10	- 4.30	0.48
Wwide Asset Val	47.67	50.95	+ 0.02	0.24
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	527.80	564.20	- 2.10	2.26
Conv & Gilt	42.91	45.67		5.06
Smaller Cos	169.90	181.60		1.22
2nd Smaller Cos	160.60	171.60	- 0.10	1.42
Recovery	139.10	148.60†	+ 0.30	1.76
Met Min & Cdty	151.00	161.40†	+ 1.10	0.74
Oseas Earnings	356.50	381.00†	+ 2.60	1.77
Technology	171.70	183.50	+ 0.30	0.01
UK Special Sits	472.00	504.50	+ 0.50	1.72
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01293 526 911				
Cntrctd Out Pens	102.70	108.60		3.84
Foundtn Persl Pens	62.69	65.13		1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 600 0033				
Capital	71.75	78.33	+ 0.30	2.12
International	64.05	68.14		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 0131 222 4242				
America	264.20	284.30	+ 1.00	
Bond	113.80	119.80	- 0.10	6.86
Brit Smlr Cos	101.20	107.70	+ 0.10	1.75
Com & Gen	64.30	69.04†	- 0.13	5.69
Europe	221.70	236.10	+ 0.70	0.64
Euro Smlr Cos	98.89	105.30	- 0.13	0.61
Income Grwth	340.00	361.70	+ 0.30	4.27
Japan	283.40	301.10	- 5.60	
Latin American	69.56	74.00	- 0.95	
Pacific	106.90	113.70	+ 0.20	1.31
UK Smlr Cos	54.06	57.51	- 0.02	1.35
Japan Fd	608.70	627.40	- 10.20	
Mngd Fd	173.40	184.30†	- 0.70	3.26
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	293.90	309.40		0.99
Capital Grwth	110.80	116.60		2.74
Wwide Opps	183.20	192.80		0.89
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Brst Inv Fd Inc	346.00	360.40†	- 0.80	2.99
European Bd Inc	91.07	94.37	- 0.04	7.22
Exempt	73.23	78.11†	+ 0.04	4.39
Financial	74.75	79.95†	- 0.05	2.86
500	446.60	477.70	+ 0.30	2.62
General	273.00	292.30	+ 0.30	2.94
Property	246.10	267.40		6.50
Trustee	183.70	196.20	+ 0.50	2.49
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.60	100.60†	- 0.10	5.49
Extra Income	118.20	126.40†	+ 0.10	4.21
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.08	59.01†	- 0.05	8.59
Income	523.20	559.50	- 0.50	4.07
Income Builder	62.22	66.19		4.82
Intl Income	62.73	66.73	+ 0.09	3.55
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	118.40	126.20	+ 0.30	2.62
Leisure	127.20	136.00	- 0.10	1.49
Recovery	423.10	452.80	+ 0.70	2.67
Smlr Cos Inc	44.86	48.10	- 0.01	2.33
Special Sits	284.70	304.50	+ 0.50	1.72
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	131.80	139.90†		0.60
Aust Acc	233.20	248.10	- 1.80	2.05
Aust Inc	143.50	152.60	+ 1.10	2.05
Euro Gwth Inc	152.30	161.70	+ 0.40	1.07
(Accum Units)	163.00	173.00	+ 0.40	1.07
Japan & Gen Inc	158.80	168.10	- 2.70	..
(Accum Units)	158.60	168.00	- 2.80	
Japan Spec Sits	71.60	75.85	- 1.65	
Univ Tech Inc	80.34	85.38	- 0.12	0.04
Worldwide	166.20	176.50	- 0.50	0.95
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 214 1004				
American Growth	95.26	101.00	+ 0.50	..
Amer Smlr Cos	133.10	142.30	+ 0.40	..
Convertibles	53.14	57.50	- 0.01	5.70
Eastern	277.80	300.30	- 0.40	0.30
Equity Income	83.33	89.44†	- 0.06	4.90
European Growth	304.00	322.50†	- 1.80	0.80
Europe	218.60	232.40	+ 1.90	0.20
German Growth	74.98	79.51	- 0.15	0.50
Global Bond	63.69	67.03	- 0.06	6.20
Global Growth	124.60	132.90	- 0.10	
Japan Growth	174.30	185.30	- 2.60	
Japan Sunrise	142.80	151.40	- 1.80	
Korea Trust	72.13	79.66	- 0.88	
Portfolio	129.70	138.90	+ 0.30	2.10
(Accum Units)	238.50	255.50	+ 0.80	2.10
UK Growth	84.18	90.37	- 0.36	2.20
UK Smaller Cos	81.48	88.89†	+ 0.01	1.80
Select Managers	75.19	80.63	- 0.10	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	74.13	78.86		
Special Opps Inc	55.69	59.24		
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	107.22	113.46†	+ 0.09	1.87
(Accum Units)	121.63	128.71	+ 0.11	1.87
Smaller Cos	104.34	110.42†	- 0.05	1.28
Higher Yield	45.17	47.80†	- 0.03	4.60
American Gth Inc	73.01	77.26	- 0.57	
European Growth	135.56	143.45	- 0.07	0.26
(Accum Units)	138.29	146.28	- 0.07	0.26
Global Bond Inc	26.25	27.20†	- 0.01	6.98
Mngd Ptflio Inc	41.82	44.21	- 0.21	1.54
(Accum Units)	42.63	45.09	- 0.21	1.54
Intl Spec Opps	114.54	121.20	- 0.40	
Pacific Gth	128.65	136.14	- 0.14	
Formerly LAS				
UK General	76.04	80.46	- 0.97	3.60
(Accum Units)	77.86	82.39	- 0.99	3.60
Japan	54.61	57.79	- 1.32	
Gilt & Fixed Int	95.71	99.18†	- 0.11	7.88
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	63.85	64.67		6.44
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0161 837 5060				
Ecowton	157.00	167.10	+ 0.10	1.76
UK Growth	169.50	180.40	+ 0.20	2.38
UK Income	131.60	140.10†		4.49
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	187.90	199.20	+ 0.80	1.99
-do- Income Dist	107.20	113.60†	+ 0.30	4.40
(Accum Units)	330.40	350.30	+ 0.90	4.40
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.22	42.64	+ 0.06	6.38
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 0161 236 5685 Enq 0161 236 5685 Dlg 0161 236 5362				
American & Gen	160.60	170.90	+ 0.20	
European Inc	79.32	84.01	- 0.32	0.54
Smaller Cos (4-1)	82.15	87.40	- 0.05	1.98
Growth	425.30	452.50	- 4.20	2.24
Income & Growth	408.20	434.30	+ 1.10	3.98
(Accum Units)	582.50	619.70	+ 1.60	3.98
Japan & Gen	67.12	71.17	- 1.52	
Master Portfolio	£100.58	£104.27†	- 5.00	2.47
(Accum Units)	£126.63	£129.05	- 6.00	2.47
Special Sits	98.31	104.59	+ 1.04	2.20
High Yield	£13.07	£13.48†	- 4.00	4.50
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	84.18	89.96		2.44
American Portfolio	94.70	100.98		1.15
European Portfolio	96.63	103.26		0.75
Japanese Portfolio	60.57	64.33	- 0.97	
Pacific Portfolio	137.19	147.52	- 0.89	0.95
UK Inc & Growth	75.54	81.60		3.39
Utility & Bond	53.56	54.15		7.12
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG 0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	664.60	567.10		4.06
Fxd Int Sec	147.90	148.00		7.73

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0171 332 5000				
UK General Tst	63.96	68.04	- 0.35	2.92
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD 0171 588 1815				
Inc	654.70	663.17		4.72
Accum	£28.00	£28.34		
Fixed Int Inc	120.55	120.84		9.52
Fixed Int Acc	192.95	193.43		
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 0171 637 7687				
Intl Growth	115.90	127.53	...	
UK Income	107.84	116.16		6.11
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	82.39	87.06		1.39
Beck Bio-Tech	27.35	28.99		
Accm Ethical Tst	149.91	157.42		0.69
City Fin Assets	70.87	74.41†	- 0.64	1.89
City Fin America	92.06	96.87		
City Fin Intl	78.22	83.98†		0.88
City Fin Japan	153.51	161.18		
Friars Hse Cap	274.74	287.57	- 4.17	1.65
Friars Hse Inc	191.30	207.85†	- 0.58	4.06
Barclay Wld Grth	123.77	131.30		
Fairmnt Cap Gth	134.09	143.06†	...	...
Fairmount Ld	146.20	155.47†		
J Sid Inc/Gth Inc	53.43	57.89		4.26
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	56.73	60.19	+ 0.42	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	61.25	65.51		
Atlas Mngd Gwth	36.70	39.25		0.57
Dragon Growth	66.80	71.44	...	0.64
Equity High Inc	82.71	87.99	..	4.10
(Accum Units)	112.09	119.23	..	4.10
European Gwth	52.19	55.52	..	1.31
Evergreen	27.94	29.86		
General Equity	83.61	88.71	...	2.90
Japan Growth	48.01	51.36		
Pedigree Gwth	51.06	54.32		2.83
Pref Sm Cos Inc	30.19	32.12†		7.52
(Accum Units)	31.59	33.61		1.52
Retirement Inc	25.62	27.25	..	5.76
Special Sits	37.87	40.29	..	2.12
UK & Overseas	48.52	51.62		1.33
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 01634 898 000				
Capital	69.30	73.46	+ 0.31	2.01
Income	62.72	66.48	+ 0.15	4.05
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD 0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	157.76	167.83†	+ 0.49	5.21
Fixed & Convertible	38.72	41.19†	+ 0.13	7.24
Monthly Inc Plus	47.09	50.10†		8.94
Preference Share	44.79	47.65†	+ 0.03	7.89
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	120.39	128.07†	+ 0.52	6.34
Managed Fund	67.84	72.17†	+ 0.20	3.27
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	37.60	40.00†	- 0.05	2.03
(Accum Units)	43.77	46.56†	- 0.06	2.03
UK & General	79.26	84.32†	+ 0.38	3.03
(Accum Units)	100.46	106.87†	+ 0.48	3.03
UK Growth	144.85	154.10†	..	2.82
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	191.08	203.28†	+ 1.09	0.12
Far Eastern Grth	124.31	132.24†	- 0.48	
Global Bond	79.14	84.11†	+ 0.23	6.14
Japan Growth	108.23	115.14†	- 3.07	
North Amer Gth	172.23	183.22†	+ 0.70	
Oriental Growth	76.11	80.97†	+ 0.50	0.07
Worldwide Growth	64.93	69.07†	..	0.07
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.04	92.04†	+ 0.04	6.13
Homemaker Fund	78.28	83.28	+ 0.17	1.81
Quilter Fund	128.53	136.73	- 0.34	2.37
For Confederation see Sun Life of Canada				
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	31.20	33.46		3.32
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 0800 526 358				
Growth	148.50	158.00†	+ 0.30	1.59
Income	68.00	72.35	+ 0.14	4.94
European	62.09	66.06†	+ 0.46	0.86
Recovery	161.20	171.50	+ 0.20	1.84
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	831.40	845.40†		3.61
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	77.11	82.03	- 0.08	0.45
Income	238.00	253.10	+ 1.00	4.59
(Accum Units)	598.10	636.20	+ 2.40	4.61
Smaller Cos	166.60	177.20	+ 0.40	0.58
(Accum Units)	203.70	216.60	+ 0.50	0.58
Inv Portfolio	80.20	85.31	+ 0.08	1.40
High Inc Port	69.67	74.11	+ 0.28	4.68
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.49	£15.85		
Japan Small Cos	£11.41	£11.62	...	...
UK Small Cos	£17.89	£18.66		
US Small Cos	£16.89	£17.40		
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	200.00	210.60†		3.04
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	277.50	293.10†	+ 0.40	0.95
New Asia	214.90	229.70	+ 1.60	0.15
Japan Growth	104.00	110.80	- 2.20	
Jap Smllr Co	414.10	442.50†	- 2.20	
Nth Amer	278.20	294.60	- 3.10	0.61
Stated Asia Pac Mi	119.40	128.70	+ 0.70	0.35
UK Inc & Grth	214.00	228.80†	+ 0.30	2.91
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD 01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	142.30	151.40	+ 0.20	1.77
UK High Inc Inc	149.70	159.30†	+ 0.10	4.52
(Accum Units)	195.40	207.90†	+ 0.10	4.52
UK Pref & F I Inc	58.48	62.07	- 0.03	5.05
Envmmtl Opps	86.59	92.12†	+ 0.23	1.02
UK Smlr Cos	52.87	56.03	+ 0.05	
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0345 090 526				
American	128.20	136.10	+ 0.30	1.38
Convertibles	30.43	31.71†	+ 0.50	6.45
Equity Income	125.70	133.60	+ 0.40	3.97
EuroFund	45.98	48.85	+ 0.29	0.41
Financial	44.35	47.12	- 0.01	1.59
Growth & Inc	235.80	250.50	+ 0.80	3.07
High Dist	152.10	161.80	+ 0.20	4.64
International	385.40	409.50	+ 0.50	0.12
Intl Cap Inc	94.26	100.60	+ 0.40	2.73
Latin American	28.91	30.72	- 0.22	
Pacific	79.45	84.42	+ 0.30	
Preference Share	21.45	22.79	+ 0.03	7.24
Tokyo	203.00	215.70	- 4.60	
UK Smaller Cos	227.80	242.00†	+ 0.30	1.14
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 0171 242 0242				
Ecton Trust	213.68	228.14	+ 6.17	0.79
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 373 7281				
Endurance Fd	201.30	214.20		0.90
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 01296 431 480				
European	82.22	86.55	+ 0.62	1.99
Ethical Tst	41.86	44.06	+ 0.03	1.38
Far Eastern	292.52	307.92	- 1.13	1.92
High Income	129.44	138.25†	+ 0.56	4.91
Intl Growth	117.90	124.11	+ 0.08	1.21
North American	115.90	122.00	+ 1.41	1.30
Pelican	115.86	121.96†	+ 0.88	3.42
Smaller Cos	65.33	68.77	+ 0.07	2.88
Special Sits	87.04	91.62	+ 0.32	2.64
Tst of Inv Tsts	181.47	191.02	+ 0.24	1.80
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	197.88	206.13†	+ 0.44	1.55
Smaller Cos Acc	347.82	362.31†	+ 0.78	1.55
Recovery	49.78	51.85†	- 0.07	1.97
Recovery Acc	50.89	52.80†	- 0.07	1.97
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 01392 412 144				
Balanced	109.49	116.48†	+ 0.07	5.97
Capital Growth	81.92	87.85	+ 0.11	
Fd of Inv Tsts	43.87	46.79	+ 0.03	0.62
High Income	40.86	43.79†	+ 0.07	10.50
Warrant	51.16	55.61	- 0.20	
Zero Preference	38.81	41.18	+ 0.01	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	78.28	83.27†	+ 0.060	2.82
Family Income Tst	44.40	44.40†	+ 0.030	6.58
Family Trust	86.32	91.83†	+ 0.120	1.86
United Charities	259.70	276.20	+ 0.400	4.35
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.70
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.23	27.33†	- 0.03	7.29
Intl Bond	29.49	30.60†	+ 0.01	4.77
Income Funds				
High Income	23.76	25.00†	+ 0.04	4.90
Income Plus	108.90	115.80	+ 0.40	3.81
Amer Eq Inc	48.95	51.82†	+ 0.08	1.62
European Income	42.37	45.06	+ 0.12	1.34
Far East Inc	64.30	68.32†	- 0.08	2.40
Global Convertible	22.20	23.89		3.29
UK Gth Grth	24.47	26.02	- 0.08	1.93
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	62.40	66.57	- 0.54	
American	258.00	273.10	+ 0.90	
Amer Spec Sits	122.20	130.40†	- 0.30	
Japan Smaller Cos	34.21	36.50	- 0.64	
European	171.60	182.50	+ 0.20	
European Opps	62.94	66.93	+ 0.10	
Global Priv	25.53	27.15	+ 0.11	0.65
UK Growth	91.18	96.95	+ 0.51	
Growth & Inc	142.40	151.50	+ 1.30	1.95
Intl PEP	37.09	39.44	+ 0.09	
Japan Spec Sits	83.97	89.31	- 1.80	
Japan	176.50	187.80	- 3.30	
Managed Intl	275.10	292.90		
Moneybuilder	52.55	55.88	- 0.04	
Recovery	47.34	50.34	- 0.58	
South E Asia	153.00	163.30	+ 0.70	
Special Sits	515.20	547.80	+ 6.10	
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	109.41	109.41	+ 0.04	5.70
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 814 2700				
Balanced	137.00	139.70		1.84
Inc Ptflio	84.15	85.79†	- 0.18	3.35
Cap Ptflio	141.20	143.80	+ 0.50	1.56
General Opps	121.50	123.00†		3.49
Growth Inc	30.29	30.95†	- 0.09	1.72
Private Portfolio	417.20	425.60		1.86
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 010				
European	114.30	120.80	- 0.60	0.35
Emrg Asian	163.90	175.30	- 0.50	
High Income	20.99	22.34†	+ 0.12	10.07
Oseas Income	92.21	97.30	- 0.05	3.23
UK Growth	107.50	115.80	- 0.20	1.87
UK Income	105.30	112.30†	+ 0.40	3.76
US Smaller Cos	314.20	336.00	- 0.40	0.14
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 0171 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	47.58	50.03	+ 0.03	3.27
-do- Inv Tst Inc	75.10	78.97	+ 0.10	3.51
Intl Growth	67.49	70.97†		
Investment Trust	90.38	95.04	- 0.03	..
UK Smaller Cos	83.82	88.14	- 0.06	0.93
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 374 4100				
American Growth	57.70	61.72	+ 0.17	
(Accum Units)	57.70	61.72	+ 0.17	
Amer Smlr Cos	500.30	535.00	+ 1.20	
(Accum Units)	511.00	546.50	+ 1.20	
Capital Tst	310.60	330.20†	+ 0.40	1.61

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
(Accum Units)	446.60	475.00†	+ 0.70	1.61
Cont Smlr Cos	59.13	63.22	+ 0.18	0.57
(Accum Units)	62.17	66.59	+ 0.18	0.57
Convertible	124.80	132.50		5.87
(Accum Units)	251.90	267.60		5.87
Emerging Markets	66.85	71.41	- 0.09	0.22
(Accum Units)	68.90	71.47†	- 0.09	0.22
European	118.00	125.30†	+ 1.20	0.13
(Accum Units)	124.00	131.70†	+ 1.38	0.13
Extra Income	337.30	358.70	- 0.90	4.00
(Accum Units)	506.70	538.90	+ 1.50	4.00
Financial	123.60	133.00†	+ 0.70	0.30
(Accum Units)	130.90	140.80†	+ 0.80	0.30
Gilt Trust	63.25	65.22†	- 0.26	6.84
(Accum Units)	90.74	93.57†	- 0.38	6.84
Health Fund Inc	137.20	146.50†	+ 0.78	
(Accum Units)	137.20	146.50†	+ 0.70	...
Income & Growth	190.10	202.20†	+ 0.50	3.32
(Accum Units)	291.50	310.10†	+ 0.90	3.32
Intl Growth	355.60	380.90†	- 0.30	..
(Accum Units)	394.90	422.80†	- 0.40	...
Japan & Gen	156.80	167.40	- 2.30	...
(Accum Units)	158.40	169.10	- 2.40	...
Monthly Inc	162.60	172.80†	+ 0.40	3.99
Managed Port Inc	102.00	108.30†		1.75
(Accum Units)	110.50	118.30†		1.75
Quarterly Income	51.78	55.50†	+ 0.08	4.66
(Accum Units)	56.15	60.20†	+ 0.07	4.66
Recovery	332.40	355.40	+ 0.10	0.13
(Accum Units)	391.30	418.40	+ 0.10	0.13
UK Growth	52.91	56.58†	+ 0.250	2.79
(Accum Units)	56.10	59.86†	+ 0.21	2.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP American	47.22	50.23	+ 0.04	0.83
FP Am Smllr Cos	116.90	125.00	+ 0.50	0.0
FP Asian Growth	256.00	273.70		0.0
FP Australian	314.80	337.70	+ 2.70	0.0
FP Equity Dist	380.50	404.70†	+ 0.49	2.77
-do- Accum	814.30	866.20†	+ 0.90	2.77
FP Euro Gth	208.40	222.70	+ 0.50	0.63
(Accum Units)	227.30	242.00	+ 0.50	0.63
FP Intl Bond	58.06	61.40		5.17
FP Intl Gth Dist	92.38	98.27	- 0.27	0.74
-do- Accum	96.64	102.80	- 0.30	0.74
FP Pac Basin Acc	198.70	212.30	- 1.40	
FP Income	54.50	58.13	+ 0.21	4.99
(Accum Units)	176.40	188.10	+ 0.80	4.99
FP Jap Smllr Cos	299.00	318.90	- 4.40	0.0
FP Monthly Dist	70.99	75.78†	+ 0.19	5.86
FP Stlg Deposit	100.60	100.60†	+ 0.10	6.25
FP Tokyo	82.24	87.72	- 1.49	0.0
FP UK Focus	35.93	38.63†	+ 0.07	1.57
FP UK Growth	170.70	182.00	- 0.60	3.0
(Accum Units)	330.50	352.50	- 1.20	3.0
Stewardship Dist	336.90	358.40†		1.95
-do- Accum	418.10	442.60†	+ 0.10	1.95
Stwdshp Inc Dist	70.93	75.45†	- 0.02	3.59
-do- Accum	93.08	99.02†	- 0.03	3.59
N Am Stwshp Dist	99.27	105.60	+ 0.50	0.84
-do- Accum	105.60	112.30	+ 0.50	0.84
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	108.10	115.00†	- 1.40	1.07
Open Cap Gth Acc	109.50	116.40†	- 0.80	0.30
Cap Gth Inc Inc	104.40	111.00	- 1.30	2.38
Cap Gth Inc Acc	106.90	113.70	- 1.30	2.38
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	106.90	113.70	- 0.80	2.97
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	109.60	116.50	- 0.80	2.97
NM Unit Trusts				
Intl	32.11	34.26	- 0.07	0.95
(Accum Units)	45.56	48.68	- 0.10	0.95
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 108/7				
GANDA	236.20	249.80†	+ 0.20	2.47
Cash	49.38	50.12†	+ 0.01	5.31
Growth Portfolio	76.96	81.58	- 0.30	1.01
Income Portfolio	63.74	67.41†	+ 0.18	4.57
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD 0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	192.10	205.50	+ 0.80	1.39
Dividend	88.10	94.22	- 0.42	3.56
Intl Gilt & Inc	222.70	238.20	+ 0.70	2.95
UK & Gen	44.28	47.36	- 0.23	1.86
Fund of Funds	62.94	67.32	- 0.46	..
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0171 710 4567 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	193.50	207.00	+ 0.40	..
European	552.00	589.20	+ 1.80	0.48
Far East & Gen	233.40	249.70	- 3.20	
Germany	114.30	121.00	+ 0.10	
Income Inc	152.60	163.20		4.44
(Accum Units)	164.90	176.40		4.44
International	308.40	329.90	- 1.20	0.21
Intl Income	81.38	86.38	+ 0.11	3.93
Japan & General	367.20	390.60	- 2.70	
Korean Securities	61.99	66.30	- 0.82	
Smllr Cos Div Inc	44.08	47.15	+ 0.24	5.09
UK Capital Inc	168.90	178.50	+ 0.50	1.30
UK Capital Acc	291.80	312.10	+ 0.80	1.30
UK Spec Sits	80.91	86.54	+ 0.22	0.71
US & General	143.50	152.50†	- 0.10	..
Wwide Spec Sits	138.10	147.70	- 2.20	..
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	48.35	51.78	+ 0.23	2.49
Cash Trust	137.94	137.94†	+ 0.04	4.51
Practical Inv Inc	113.89	121.81	+ 0.04	3.25
(Accum Units)	260.81	278.73	+ 0.13	3.25
UK Index	149.39	159.90	+ 0.73	3.36
UK Smaller Cos	125.08	133.78	- 0.15	1.04
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.08	25.75†	+ 0.02	9.01
High Income	32.48	34.74†	+ 0.08	5.24
UK Equity Income	132.36	141.56	+ 0.11	3.48
Global Bond	28.88	29.93	+ 0.07	5.01
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	45.84	48.81†	- 0.27	
Global Inc & Gth	128.98	137.33†	- 0.15	2.24
Gold & Exp Res	100.83	107.84	+ 0.13	
Global Utilities	127.89	136.72	+ 0.22	1.43
Overseas Funds				
American	150.15	159.92	+ 0.64	1.14
European	103.65	108.84	+ 0.58	1.36
Euro Sel Opps	150.89	159.49	+ 0.72	
Amer Emerging	104.60	111.87	+ 0.40	
Hong Kong	139.34	149.50	+ 0.47	1.65
Japan	222.69	236.61	- 5.48	
Pacific Growth	215.15	230.11	+ 0.37	1.43
Gartmore Pension Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	215.85	215.85†	+ 0.37	2.19
Long Term Bal	236.28	236.28†	+ 0.40	3.18
Med Term Bal	201.79	201.79†	+ 0.31	3.65
UK Equity	246.37	246.37†	+ 1.14	2.63
UK Emerging Cos	144.28	144.28	+ 0.13	2.24
American	247.51	247.51	+ 0.94	1.48
Japan	109.00	109.00	- 1.80	..
European	268.24	268.24	+ 1.83	1.39
Index Linked Gilt	175.18	175.18	- 0.19	2.86
Fixed Interest	168.62	168.62†	+ 0.30	8.54
Amer Emerging	268.78	268.78	+ 0.61	0.12
Pacific	230.77	230.77	+ 0.39	1.04
Emerging Mkts	125.85	125.85	+ 3.64	0.78
Index Strat Japan	146.06	146.06	- 3.29	0.37
-do- Pacific Rim	184.30	184.30	+ 0.65	1.39
-do- Cont Europe	155.38	155.38	+ 0.81	1.95
Index Strat USA	141.35	141.35	+ 0.57	2.15
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	101.63	108.12	+ 0.18	
Med Term Bal	95.88	102.00	+ 0.16	
Long Term Bal	106.15	112.93	+ 0.19	
UK Equity	113.81	121.07	+ 0.55	
UK Emerging Cos	67.59	71.90	+ 0.06	
American	114.60	121.92	+ 0.46	
Japan	52.21	55.56	- 0.91	
European	111.51	118.63	+ 0.81	
Fixed Interest	81.26	86.45	+ 0.18	
Index Linked Gilt	77.73	82.69	- 0.10	
Deposit	81.25	86.43	+ 0.02	
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Inv Grth	116.30	123.70	- 0.70	
Berkeley Income	111.60	118.70	- 0.50	4.17
BWH Intl	134.43	141.51	- 0.65	0.60
Brcliff Gth Port Inc	61.98	65.41	- 0.53	0.80
-do- Inc Port Inc	56.69	59.83†	- 0.40	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	52.96	55.88	- 0.30	0.10
Shaw Utilities	53.79	56.77†	+ 0.07	3.05
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
& Intl Inc	554.09	589.45		1.73
(Accum Units)	616.25	655.59	..	1.73
European Inc	145.79	155.18	...	0.91
Analgam Inc	143.50	151.94		
N America Inc	333.94	355.26	...	
Far East Inc	338.85	360.48		
(Accum Units)	350.95	373.35		
UK Divid Inc	179.48	190.94		1.46
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	88.22	94.34	- 0.01	4.93
UK Small Cos	49.16	52.56	- 0.06	1.02
British Growth	55.27	59.10†	- 0.06	2.61
American Gwth	177.47	189.89	+ 0.97	
Japan Gwth	66.90	71.43	- 0.72	
Greater China	179.89	192.39	- 0.60	
Pacific Strategy	152.77	163.38	- 2.77	
European Gwth	87.87	93.50	+ 0.31	0.29
Intl Growth	144.99	155.06	- 0.07	
US Index (£)	14.07	14.83†	- 0.14	4.60
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	75.03	81.18	- 0.07	2.48
Monthly Income	37.47	39.97†	- 0.04	8.00
MIG Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Gvt UK Index (£)	10.98	11.59†	- 0.05	3.90
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	87.64	93.24		1.64
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD 0171 538 9668				
European	492.60	526.28	+ 1.43	0.30
Gilt & Fixed	127.90	135.60		5.24
Growth Equity	329.10	351.60†	+ 0.30	1.89
Income Trust	130.40	139.30		2.85
International	180.00	192.30	- 0.50	0.28
Japan Trust	123.30	131.70	- 2.30	0.00
Nth American	270.90	289.40†	- 0.40	0.27
Pacific	546.60	582.90†	- 1.30	
Guardhill	501.70	535.90	- 0.60	1.82
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	101.26	105.12	- 0.07	7.36
Global High Inc	98.59	102.38†	- 0.01	6.84
Prem Fixed Inc	103.63	107.58	+ 0.01	8.38
Eqty & Bond Inc	103.33	109.37†	- 0.89	5.16
European Growth	104.11	110.70	- 1.68	
Intl PEP Trust	61.26	65.13	- 0.33	
High Income	120.81	128.45†	- 1.06	4.04
-do- Accum	168.41	173.06	- 1.49	4.04
Recovery	369.60	393.70†	- 0.30	1.80
(Accum Units)	430.20	457.40	- 0.30	1.80
Sl Vlue High Inc	123.60	129.65	- 0.48	7.02
UK Emerg Cos	239.10	254.30†	+ 0.50	1.99
UK Smlr Cos	350.50	356.70	- 0.10	2.50
Glob Priv Tst	95.00	101.01†	- 0.62	0.94
(Accum Units)	95.88	101.94	- 0.63	0.94
Inc Share Tst	89.35	95.01	- 0.21	8.38
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Growth	26.82	28.22	+ 0.11	1.73
Growth Acc	26.62	28.22	+ 0.11	1.73
Income	26.63	28.04	- 0.10	3.46
Income Acc	26.63	28.27	- 0.10	3.46
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
Mngd Ptflio	204.50	217.08	- 0.10	2.65
Smaller Cos	31.46	33.47		1.02
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT Enquiries: 01277 263 250 Dealing: 01277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	304.68	326.00	- 0.49	1.54
Best of British	64.35	68.40†	+ 0.21	2.90
UK Smaller Cos	125.20	134.59	- 0.21	1.93
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	277.18	296.17†	- 3.99	3.83
(Accum Units)	757.41	806.60	- 2.41	3.83
High Income	315.77	337.55†	- 0.47	4.24
Extra Income	277.65	295.39	- 0.73	5.77
Pref & Gilt	45.74	49.15†	- 0.06	8.84
International				
International	259.57	276.40†	- 0.28	0.56
Global Bond	53.61	56.85	- 0.07	4.53
Intl Port Tst	81.34	86.99	- 0.58	0.17
Global Tech	177.33	189.15†	- 0.75	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	178.90	191.31	- 1.33	0.15
European	480.12	509.15†	- 3.52	1.26
European Income	83.35	88.33	- 0.14	2.78
Euro Smlr Cos	151.86	162.74†	- 0.10	0.62
Eur Sp Sits	70.91	75.77†	- 0.39	0.72
(Accum Units)	75.96	81.17	+ 0.43	0.72

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Trust	183.30	195.39	- 3.85	
Japan Special Sits	197.11	208.88	- 2.02	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	229.80	245.88	- 0.48	
North American	240.81	256.18	- 0.22	0.40
American Smaller	109.39	110.93†	+ 0.63	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 0181 686 4355				
British	97.66	102.40†	- 0.39	2.29
Capital	173.10	181.20	+ 0.30	1.66
Dollar	359.70	376.60†	- 1.90	
Enterprise Gth	326.50	343.90	+ 0.80	1.75
European	228.40	239.10	+ 1.70	0.88
Far East	319.70	334.70	+ 2.50	0.47
Financial	823.40	862.10	+ 1.30	1.67
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.54	26.58†	- 0.02	7.43
High Yield	104.40	109.30	+ 0.20	4.00
Income & Growth	142.30	149.00†	+ 0.10	3.39
International	254.10	266.00	- 0.10	0.02
Japanese General	191.60	200.60	- 4.60	
Japan Tech	74.55	78.06	- 1.38	...
Ntl Resources	70.00	73.29†	+ 0.43	
Portfolio	71.59	74.96†	- 0.19	1.33
Smaller Cos	131.80	138.00†	+ 0.10	1.55
Special Sits	150.60	157.60	- 0.40	1.49
UK Emerging Cos	93.25	97.64	- 0.62	1.00
US Smaller Cos	91.46	95.76	+ 0.69	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Advisers: 0800 181 890 Inv 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced	101.00	107.80†	- 0.40	6.05
Capital	590.30	630.00†	- 3.20	2.40
Income	561.90	599.70	+ 1.30	5.10
Footsie Fund	54.96	55.24	+ 0.87	2.96
Trade Index	108.70	116.00	- 1.60	2.03
UK Index	139.50	148.99	+ 0.10	3.10
International Funds				
American Growth	499.40	533.00	- 1.10	0.67
American Index	212.30	226.00	+ 0.70	1.17
European Growth	112.80	120.20	+ 0.50	0.26
Eurotrack 100	162.30	172.50	+ 0.90	0.57
Global Bond	21.88	23.10	+ 0.02	5.79
Japan Growth	265.00	282.00	- 5.0	
Japan Index	78.00	83.24	- 1.73	0.18
Japan Smlr Cos	31.95	34.00	- 0.50	...
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	58.70	62.65	+ 0.25	0.23
Hong Kong Gwth	100.60	107.40	+ 0.90	1.13
Singp & Mlysn Gth	77.82	82.84†	- 1.04	
Tiger Index	198.80	212.30		1.41
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	31.64	32.89	- 0.02	0.91
General Funds				
Managed	71.96	74.83†	+ 0.02	1.52
Reprt Chld Fnd	86.27	89.68†	+ 0.98	2.48
UK Growth	60.28	62.66†	+ 0.26	2.36
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc	83.32	86.61	+ 0.18	6.57
Gilt & Fixed Int	28.45	27.38	+ 0.03	7.81
UK Inc & Gwth	40.59	42.19†	+ 0.17	3.71
UK Income	338.70	350.60†	+ 0.80	5.06
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	50.12	51.98	+ 0.04	0.19
Amer Smllr Cos	119.00	123.70	- 0.10	
(Accum Units)	120.30	125.10		
Europe Gth	154.10	159.90	+ 0.30	0.12
(Accum Units)	159.30	165.20	+ 0.20	0.12
Euro Smaller Cos	28.73	29.86	+ 0.04	
French Growth	80.00	83.18	+ 0.46	0.45
Accum Units	85.82	89.21	+ 0.49	0.45
H Kong & China	77.84	80.91	+ 0.53	1.74
Intl Growth	57.91	60.20	- 0.04	0.54
(Accum Units)	58.40	60.71	- 0.03	0.54
Japan Gth	30.17	31.36	- 0.84	
Accum Units	30.17	31.36	- 0.64	
Japan Smaller Cos	35.28	36.65	- 0.62	...
Glob Emrg Mkts	95.53	99.39	- 0.02	
Accum Units	98.21	100.09	...	
SE Asia	321.80	334.30	+ 2.70	0.32
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	55.70	57.40†	+ 0.05	5.66
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 0171 581 3020				
American Cap	133.90	142.40	+ 0.30	..
Income	154.98	164.87	+ 0.88	3.70
UK Growth	58.31	62.02	+ 0.25	0.58
International	78.81	81.81	- 0.09	0.08
Ecology	81.58	86.78	- 0.08	1.24
European	124.97	132.94	+ 0.53	..
Far Eastern	289.10	307.50	+ 0.10	..
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	49.86	53.04	+ 0.06	7.28
Gilt Yield	116.20	122.50	+ 0.30	6.53
Global Income	209.00	222.30†	+ 0.85	4.41
High Yield	136.00	144.70†	+ 0.32	6.13
(Accum Units)	416.30	442.90†	+ 0.98	6.13
Smllr Cos Div	51.63	54.93†	+ 0.06	3.65

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Master Trust	58.88	62.62	- 0.02	1.40
-do- Acc	63.70	69.50	- 0.03	1.40
N American Gen	185.90	197.20	- 1.00	
-do- Acc	214.10	227.80	- 1.20	...
Wars Sm Co Rec	139.80	148.88	+ 0.10	
-do- Acc	142.60	151.80		
Pacific Basin	248.80	264.70	+ 0.80	0.82
-do- Acc	264.40	281.30	+ 1.00	0.82
Small Cos Rec	371.30	390.90†	+ 0.10	2.10
-do- Acc	501.10	527.50	+ 0.10	2.10
UK Growth	85.60	91.07	- 1.08	2.53
-do- Acc	104.10	110.80	- 1.20	2.53
Worldwide Gth	310.70	330.60	- 0.60	0.93
-do- Acc	458.30	487.80	- 1.08	0.83
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 01392 282 873				
American	68.19	73.16	- 0.01	0.10
General	88.39	92.69†	+ 0.02	2.50
Income	64.86	69.59	+ 0.03	5.50
International	83.65	88.28	- 0.25	0.40
Japan	53.93	57.98	- 1.38	
Tst of Inv Trusts	67.08	71.95†	- 0.06	1.30
M & G SECURITIES Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Asian & General	403.50	426.70	+ 1.30	0.55
(Accum Units)	502.70	531.60	+ 1.80	0.55
Amer Recovery	480.50	508.10†	+ 1.30	0.42
(Accum Units)	552.00	583.80†	+ 1.50	0.42
Amer Smllr Cos	133.20	140.90	+ 0.40	...
(Accum Units)	136.10	144.00	+ 0.50	
Australasian	150.40	159.00	+ 1.60	2.09
(Accum Units)	184.00	194.50	- 2.00	2.09
Capital	840.00	888.20	- 0.30	2.68
(Accum Units)	963.80	£10.19	- 0.36	2.68
Charifund	691.00	698.00†	- 0.10	5.67
(Accum Units)	£32.83	£33.16†	- 0.40	5.67
Commodity	389.90	402.80	+ 0.70	0.52
(Accum Units)	550.20	581.30	+ 1.00	0.52
Compound Gth	949.10	£10.03†	+ 1.00	3.11
(Accum Units)	£10.08	£10.66†	+ 1.10	3.11
Dividend	40.80	43.10†		4.31
(Accum Units)	173.80	183.80†	- 0.10	4.31
Equity Income	346.90	366.80	- 0.38	4.80
(Accum Units)	450.60	476.50	- 0.40	4.80
Euro & General	510.50	539.80	+ 0.30	1.26
(Accum Units)	646.70	682.90	+ 0.40	1.26
Euro Dividend	72.60	76.80	+ 0.20	3.45
(Accum Units)	87.40	92.50	+ 0.30	3.45
Extra Yield	416.70	440.70	- 0.30	4.32
(Accum Units)	£13.16	£13.92	- 1.00	4.32
Far Eastern	341.90	361.60	- 0.70	0.68
(Accum Units)	453.80	480.00	- 1.00	0.68
Fund of Inv Tsts	607.10	642.00†	- 1.20	2.10
(Accum Units)	£11.45	£12.11†	- 2.30	2.10
General	62.10	65.70	- 0.10	3.70
(Accum Units)	174.80	184.70	- 0.40	3.70
Gilt Income	59.93	60.03†	- 0.08	7.74
(Accum Units)	169.22	169.49†	- 0.17	7.74
Gold	61.50	65.08	- 0.50	0.89
(Accum Units)	72.60	76.80	- 0.60	0.89
High Income	29.09	30.70	...	4.80
(Accum Units)	116.40	123.30	..	4.80
Intl Growth	75.20	79.50	- 0.30	0.84
(Accum Units)	131.20	138.70	- 0.59	0.84
International Inc	98.70	104.40†	+ 0.10	4.66
(Accum Units)	148.60	157.20†	+ 0.20	4.66
Japan & Gen	40.60	42.90†	- 0.88	
(Accum Units)	43.60	46.10†	- 0.80	
Japan Smlr Cos	139.30	147.30†	- 2.00	
(Accum Units)	140.30	148.38†	- 2.10	
Managed Income	27.70	29.10†		4.26
Midland	62.90	66.50†		3.22
(Accum Units)	212.60	225.00†	+ 0.20	3.22
Pension Ex	948.10	971.90†	+ 0.90	4.29
Recovery	42.50	44.90		2.51
(Accum Units)	69.80	73.80		2.51
Second General	71.20	75.30	- 0.10	3.51
(Accum Units)	184.90	195.50	- 0.30	3.51
Smaller Cos	68.70	72.60		3.23
(Accum Units)	136.90	144.80	+ 0.10	3.23
Sterling Hi Int	24.77	24.87	- 0.02	8.41
Treasury	25.11	25.15†		8.32
Trustee	41.60	44.00†	- 0.10	4.39
(Accum Units)	170.30	180.30†	- 0.58	4.39
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 01277 261 610 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	83.14	88.44	+ 0.49	1.51
Intl Bond	84.68	88.00†	+ 0.29	5.57
Intl Equity Growth	71.93	76.44	+ 0.12	0.80
N Amer Growth	88.83	105.13	+ 0.16	1.02
Special Sits Growth	21.82	23.00	+ 0.01	2.08
UK Growth	372.40	396.10†	+ 0.60	2.85
(Accum Units)	492.30	523.70	+ 0.80	2.85
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01620 825867				
Balanced Fd	£13.10	£13.35†		3.30
Income	988.40	£10.03	..	4.80
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	137.70	141.80	..	4.24
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD Dealings: 01438 747 414				
Growth Units	203.10	217.20		2.28
Gilt & Fxd Int	170.30	179.40		6.55
Intl Growth	211.50	225.10		0.35

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	94.69	100.70	+ 0.27	..
North American	79.77	84.85	+ 0.40	0.15
European Special	119.20	126.60	+ 0.10	0.12
European	158.20	168.20	+ 1.30	0.36
(Accum Units)	205.10	218.30	+ 1.60	0.36
Global Eqty Inc	103.60	110.20	+ 0.70	1.09
Japan	378.00	402.10†	- 6.60	..
Japanese Special	206.70	219.90	- 3.20	..
Master Accum	238.20	253.40	+ 0.40	0.54
Pacific	322.00	342.60	- 0.50	
(Accum Units)	377.60	401.70	- 0.60	..
Smaller Cos	109.70	116.70†	+ 0.10	1.30
UK Equity Growth	38.43	40.88	- 0.05	1.59
UK Index Inc	277.00	280.70	+ 0.06	4.08
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS 0171 629 1683				
Global Inc & Gth	62.36	66.34	- 0.09	..
Inv Trust	65.41	69.56	- 0.12	
Cautious Inc/Gth	59.58	63.38	+ 0.21	1.50
High Inc Acc	55.61	59.15	- 0.01	4.00
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 588 2800				
Income	580.40	592.20		6.05
Intl & General	412.40	420.80		0.44
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	258.99	275.52†	+ 1.34	5.49
Inc & Growth Inc	55.38	58.92	+ 0.14	4.60
Smaller Cos	57.07	60.71†	+ 0.19	1.47
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	246.00	261.60†	- 1.70	2.09
High Income	108.90	115.80	+ 0.40	4.38
International	97.44	103.68	- 0.30	0.67
Recovery Trust	66.46	70.70†	+ 0.22	2.02
European Trust	81.51	86.71	- 0.06	1.03
Japanese Trust	40.22	42.78	- 0.69	
American Trust	88.87	94.54	+ 0.10	0.06
Managed	66.90	71.17	- 0.18	0.78
Cash	50.31	50.31	+ 0.02	4.67
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 374 0916				
UK Cap	376.60	392.90		2.67
UK Inc/Gth	402.10	408.20		3.38
UK Income	279.20	283.50		4.06
UK Sm Cos	238.60	247.80		1.97
Euro Gwth	130.90	131.80		
N Amer Gwth	89.27	90.20	..	0.27
Japan Growth	63.64	64.32		
Money Mkt	124.28	124.28		1.56
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	478.80	509.40	+ 2.60	2.73
(Accum Units)	951.30	£10.12	+ 5.00	2.73
Equity Income	98.89	105.20	- 0.60	3.98
UK Tactical Allocn	57.32	60.87	- 0.51	4.49
European	120.00	127.70†	+ 0.50	1.21
Far Eastern	210.10	223.50	- 0.80	
Fixed Interest	51.82	55.10	+ 0.02	7.31
Gilt	88.48	93.83†	+ 0.13	8.52
Global Growth	72.76	77.40†	- 0.36	0.35
Intl Bond	53.19	56.50	+ 0.16	4.83
Japanese	66.66	70.91	- 1.39	
North American	151.40	161.10	- 0.20	0.98
Pacific Growth	110.00	117.00	+ 0.80	0.25
UK Index	63.08	66.57†	+ 0.33	3.18
UK Recovery	92.65	98.56†	+ 0.33	1.92
UK Smaller Cos	124.80	132.80	+ 0.10	1.59
US Index	83.67	87.20	- 0.21	1.65
European Index	76.94	81.30	+ 0.42	1.80
Japan Index	40.43	42.67	- 0.89	0.05
Worldwide	82.77	88.05†	+ 0.14	1.67
LINCOLN NATIONAL 0181 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621				
Growth	50.98	54.21	- 0.46	2.16
Income	50.26	53.04	+ 0.33	3.03
Far East	51.46	55.04†	- 0.03	0.10
North American	102.40	109.50†	+ 0.40	
Global	93.50	100.00	- 0.46	0.34
European	87.61	93.70	+ 1.11	0.93
Japan	99.89	106.80	- 2.30	..
Intl Currency Bd	60.45	64.15†	+ 0.06	4.42
SE Asia	99.98	106.90†	+ 0.30	
UK Cap Growth	93.66	99.96†	+ 0.37	1.54
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	345.10	367.20†	+ 0.40	2.96
-do- Acc	795.20	846.00	+ 1.10	2.96
Contl Euro Gth	66.67	70.18	+ 0.08	1.20
-do- Acc	71.25	75.00	+ 0.09	1.20
Extra Inc	252.60	268.60†	- 0.20	4.36
-do- Acc	667.90	710.60	- 0.50	4.36
FTSE 100 Inc	101.60	106.10	+ 0.20	3.13
FTSE 100 Acc	101.60	108.10	+ 0.20	3.13
German Gth	129.70	136.60	+ 0.20	
-do- Acc	136.00	143.20	- 0.10	
Growth Port	548.20	583.20	+ 0.10	0.31
-do- Acc	557.30	592.90	+ 0.10	0.31
Hi Reserve Inc	101.60	108.10†	+ 0.10	6.47
Hi Reserve Acc	102.90	109.50	+ 0.10	6.47
Income	490.20	521.50	+ 6.80	3.72
-do- Acc	£13.39	£14.25	- 17.00	3.72
Income Port	514.60	547.50	- 3.90	3.86
-do- Acc	550.70	585.90	- 4.10	3.86
Japan Growth	98.63	105.00	- 2.10	
-do- Acc	98.97	105.30	- 2.10	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
North American	195.40	208.50		0.43
Far East	275.70	294.90		1.27
UK Smaller Cos	177.80	190.30		1.71
European	83.34	88.54		0.35
Japanese Growth	47.07	50.13		
High Income	190.30	203.50		4.87
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 01244 680 066				
M & S Inv Ptflo	153.70	161.80	+ 0.19	2.24
-do- Accum	176.90	186.20	+ 0.19	2.24
UK Sel Ptflio	132.70	139.70	+ 0.22	2.46
-do- Accum	154.30	162.40	+ 0.22	2.47
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	69.45	73.88		3.72
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 479 4846				
Intl Income	71.84	78.28	+ 0.84	4.36
European	83.92	89.09	+ 0.08	0.90
Income	72.68	77.16†	- 0.01	4.81
Nth American	66.58	70.88	+ 0.24	0.53
Far East	164.20	174.30	- 0.40	
Japan	52.87	56.13	- 0.70	
Emrging Mkts	90.35	96.53	+ 1.37	
Intl Growth	108.79	115.40†	+ 0.50	0.91
UK Growth	93.67	99.44	+ 1.30	1.47
UK Smlr Co	47.10	50.00†	+ 0.04	1.05
Asian Opps Fd	38.13	38.64	- 0.09	0.34
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Income	417.31	443.95	+ 2.09	4.02
Global Inc	68.54	72.91	+ 0.34	2.84
Brit Leaders	355.79	378.50	+ 2.20	2.36
Intl Leaders	203.97	216.99	+ 0.77	0.76
PAM Mg Bal Grth	62.26	64.69	- 0.56	0.83
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 0171 280 2080				
American	211.50	224.40	- 0.40	..
(Accum Units)	226.10	239.90	- 0.30	..
American Opps	94.82	101.20		..
(Accum Units)	96.11	102.50		..
British Blue Chip	79.84	84.84†	+ 0.270	2.83
(Accum Units)	98.10	105.30†	+ 0.400	2.83
Cash	100.50	100.50	+ 0.100	6.05
(Accum Units)*	138.50	138.50	+ 0.100	6.05
Emerging Mkts	102.00	109.70		0.13
(Accum Units)	102.10	109.80		0.13
European Growth	257.60	272.70	+ 1.100	0.17
(Accum Units)	277.70	294.10	- 1.300	0.17
European Income	88.05	90.95	+ 0.220	3.16
(Accum Units)	115.90	122.50	+ 0.300	3.16
General	503.60	536.10	+ 1.700	2.31
(Accum Units)	998.90	1063	+ 3.000	2.31
Global Bond	127.70	134.10	- 0.100	5.16
(Accum Units)	157.40	165.30	+ 0.100	5.16
Gold & General	189.70	204.00	- 0.30	0.44
(Accum Units)	194.70	209.40	- 0.30	0.44
Govt Securities	92.04	94.90	- 0.040	5.78
(Accum Units)	179.20	184.70	+ 0.100	5.78
Income	151.40	161.00†	+ 0.100	4.40
(Accum Units)	240.50	255.80†	+ 0.200	4.40
Inc Portfolio	98.94	102.90		5.16
(Accum Units)	99.20	105.30	- 0.10	5.10
Intl Opps	465.50	498.20	- 0.70	0.18
(Accum Units)	621.80	662.70	- 1.00	0.18
Japan	154.40	163.50	- 4.00	
(Accum Units)	158.50	168.00	- 4.00	
New Europe	181.70	193.80	+ 0.700	1.04
(Accum Units)	187.30	199.80	+ 0.800	1.04
Pacific	114.60	122.20	+ 0.600	0.83
(Accum Units)	122.60	130.80	+ 0.700	0.83
Recovery	288.30	307.50†	- 0.30	0.84
(Accum Units)	370.60	395.30†	- 0.30	0.84
UK Smaller Cos	55.30	58.99	+ 0.090	0.87
(Accum Units)	62.60	66.77	+ 0.090	0.87
Portfolio	89.21	95.17	+ 0.150	2.71
(Accum Units)	95.75	101.69	+ 0.100	2.71
Managed Gth	99.30	103.90		1.83
Managed Inc	104.70	108.60	- 0.100	4.14
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 01707 662 233				
Europgrowth Plus	119.32	126.94†	+ 0.57	0.85
Portfolio	67.26	71.55		0.54
UK Income Inc	75.89	80.73	- 0.02	4.85
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	59.91	62.73	+ 0.06	3.32
(Accum Units)	64.06	67.07	+ 0.06	3.32
British Tst	85.03	89.04	- 0.06	1.97
(Accum Units)	99.80	104.50	- 0.10	1.97
Extra High Inc	67.93	71.13	+ 0.09	6.41
(Accum Units)	132.90	139.10	+ 0.20	6.41
FT-SE 100 Acc	55.66	58.28	+ 0.39	2.60
FT-SE 100 Dist	54.80	57.38	+ 0.36	2.60
Gilt & Fxd Int	54.60	56.82	+ 0.09	6.92
(Accum Units)	160.10	166.70	+ 0.30	6.92
High Yield	217.20	227.40†	+ 0.30	5.80
(Accum Units)	558.10	584.30†	+ 0.70	5.80
Income	286.20	289.70	- 2.50	3.82
(Accum Units)	631.40	661.10	- 5.60	3.82
Money Market UT	49.33	49.33†	- 0.02	5.04
(Accum Units)	78.33	78.33†	+ 0.03	5.04
Monthly Income	84.84	88.84†	+ 0.26	5.10
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	104.30	110.80	+ 0.80	1.77
European Growth	103.50	109.70	- 1.80	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	87.45	92.82	+ 0.18	5.88
Income	85.84	91.32	+ 0.34	2.80

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Growth	50.40	53.42	- 0.73	
Managed	69.93	74.39	+ 0.13	2.38
Money Market	87.86	93.13	+ 0.05	4.31
North American	90.93	96.39	- 1.18	0.47
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	94.56	100.60	+ 0.72	1.76
European Growth	97.36	103.20	- 1.60	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	83.94	88.45	+ 0.14	5.94
Income	84.31	89.68	+ 0.33	2.86
Japan Growth	50.23	53.31	- 0.72	
Managed	66.85	71.12	+ 0.12	2.34
Money Market	81.22	86.09	+ 0.04	4.27
North American	82.61	87.57	- 1.07	0.56
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	94.38	100.40	+ 0.65	1.75
European Growth	95.08	100.80	- 1.60	
Gilt & Fixed Int	76.05	80.71	+ 0.12	6.11
Income	83.11	88.41	+ 0.32	2.89
Japan Growth	51.40	54.49	- 0.73	
Managed	69.54	74.09	+ 0.12	2.34
Money Market	75.47	80.00	+ 0.03	4.35
North American	92.01	97.53	- 1.19	0.43
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 6966				
International (US$)	13.06	13.89	...	
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers: 0171 826 0826 Enquiries: 0171 826 0123				
American Gwth	358.50	380.60†	- 0.30	..
European Gth Inc	461.50	494.60	+ 1.60	0.29
(Accum Units)	466.50	500.10	+ 1.70	0.29
Intl Gwth	193.10	205.60	- 0.70	...
UK Equity Inc	186.00	198.10	- 0.10	3.05
UK Ind Trckr Inc	161.30	172.60	+ 0.20	2.89
(Accum Units)	191.40	204.80	+ 0.20	2.89
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	211.30	223.90	+ 0.20	1.23
Japan Tracker	74.07	78.43	- 1.46	
Asian Tracker	209.80	225.30	+ 0.30	0.28
Managed Inc	158.00	166.30†	- 0.50	1.38
Deposit Inc	99.85	99.85†	+ 0.02	6.04
Europa	180.20	194.60	+ 0.60	..
Genesis	158.40	170.00	+ 0.20	2.14
High Income	21.47	22.79†	+ 0.06	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 090 933				
Acumen	95.71	97.79†	- 0.07	2.81
Acumen Inc	89.60	91.55†	- 0.06	2.67
Acumen Reserve	85.46	86.31†	- 0.09	7.98
-do- Inc	72.24	72.96†	- 0.07	7.98
America Growth	161.80	166.60	- 0.38	
Cash Income	49.61	49.61†	+ 0.02	5.55
Equity Income	95.79	98.40	+ 0.07	4.82
European	72.19	73.93	+ 0.28	0.54
Smaller Cos	80.50	84.47†	- 0.17	1.16
W'wide Eqty	65.32	68.88	- 0.20	0.56
Global Bond	44.07	44.58†	+ 0.02	6.81
UK Growth	95.46	97.94†	+ 0.09	2.13
Pacific Growth	108.80	112.40	+ 0.60	0.05
Japan Growth	68.13	69.76	- 1.56	..
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	122.75	130.59	+ 0.38	2.78
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	73.61	78.31	+ 0.23	2.23
UK Income	107.43	114.29†	+ 0.42	3.90
Higher Income	211.51	225.01	+ 0.70	4.52
Smaller Cos	83.88	89.23	+ 0.11	1.98
International	96.58	102.74†	- 1.11	1.79
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS 0171 623 4200				
Americas Dist	105.90	112.70	- 0.50	0.70
European Dist	118.00	123.40†	+ 0.40	
Far East Dist	179.40	190.80	- 0.80	..
Global Care Dist	71.05	75.59	+ 0.05	1.07
Oseas Dist	£10.15	£10.81	- 0.90	0.15
(Accum Units)	£13.19	£14.03	- 1.10	0.15
UK Dist	347.00	369.10†	+ 1.90	2.64
(Accum Units)	688.20	732.10	+ 3.80	2.64
UK Extra Inc Dist	78.41	83.42	+ 0.20	4.18
Wwde Dist	105.90	112.70†	+ 0.30	0.40
Wwide Inc Dist	72.11	76.71†	+ 0.04	2.66
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 398				
Europe Inc	65.40	69.02	+ 0.35	0.46
Fund of Funds Inc	58.70	61.95	+ 0.03	0.84
North America Inc	50.44	53.23†	+ 0.01	0.49
UK Equity Grth Inc	58.10	61.32†	- 0.19	2.04
(Accum Units)	61.05	64.43	+ 0.20	2.04
UK General Inc	57.45	60.63†	+ 0.20	2.47
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	47.02	49.51†		7.09
UK Income Inc	57.03	60.19†	+ 0.17	3.87
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 00 00				
Bond	120.92	128.28	- 0.49	6.47
Bridge Fund	85.07	90.51		2.23
Distributor	93.10	98.05	+ 0.36	3.13
Foundation	93.50	98.46†	+ 0.18	2.54
General	182.91	194.59	+ 0.42	1.87
Global	318.51	338.85	- 4.22	0.43
Growth	121.93	129.72†	+ 0.47	2.57
Higher Income Inc	27.25	28.98	+ 0.03	4.29
Income	227.52	242.05†	+ 0.89	3.41
Incepid	116.25	121.10		2.45
Formerly Capel House				
American Gwth Tst	37.19	39.77	+ 0.18	0.26
Cash Income	50.05	50.05†	+ 0.01	5.50
European Growth	40.51	43.25	+ 0.20	0.20
Intl Gwth	30.14	32.23†	+ 0.02	0.43
Japan Gwth	25.15	26.89	- 0.47	
Managed Tst Inc	47.55	50.65	+ 0.12	2.28
Oriental Opps Inc	144.60	154.60	+ 1.0	0.12
Property Shares	32.75	35.02	+ 0.04	0.88
Smaller Cos	31.99	34.21	+ 0.01	1.28
UK Growth Tst	25.56	27.35†	- 0.07	2.74
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	71.43	76.39	+ 0.23	1.80
Cap Hse UK Inc	67.59	72.28	+ 0.27	2.84
Exempt (£)	29.84	30.70		1.76
German	50.59	54.07	+ 0.08	
High Income	73.08	78.16	- 0.59	4.81
Mngd Ptflio Inc	101.79	108.78		1.07
Mngd Ptflio Acc	194.40	207.90		1.07
Monthly Income	76.68	82.01	+ 0.24	4.31
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD 0181 285 2555				
Managed	98.56	104.30		2.11
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS 01603 682 234				
Master Trust	122.69	129.15	- 0.03	1.86
UK Equity	140.02	147.39	+ 0.67	3.82
UK Equity Income	132.76	139.75†	+ 0.68	3.27
UK Smaller Cos	119.97	126.28	+ 0.08	1.57
UK Equity Growth	131.21	138.12	+ 0.61	2.30
UK Index Trckg	142.39	149.88	+ 0.96	3.63
Intl Index Trckg	145.84	154.57	- 0.51	1.18
International	236.55	249.69†	- 0.17	0.50
European	202.13	212.77	+ 0.28	0.81
Pan European	135.89	143.04†	+ 2.11	1.41
Nth American	180.91	190.43†	+ 0.93	0.15
N Amer Smlr Cos	196.69	207.04	+ 0.31	...
Japanese	86.63	91.19	- 1.75	..
Pacific	228.21	240.22	- 0.52	0.30
South East Asian	255.48	268.93†	+ 0.84	0.56
Intl Bond	138.22	145.50	+ 0.33	3.88
Gilt & Convertible	105.59	111.15	- 0.25	6.49
Property	79.64	83.83	+ 0.06	6.12
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD 01256 768 888				
European Inc	256.80	275.20†	+ 0.20	0.52
(Accum Units)	271.50	291.10	+ 0.19	0.52
Japan Inc	102.40	109.20	- 2.36	
Nth American Inc	112.00	120.10	+ 0.10	0.37
Worldwide Inc	157.10	169.60	- 0.50	0.92
Hong Kong Inc	139.30	149.50	+ 1.00	1.98
Swiss Equities Inc	72.04	77.02†	+ 0.58	
Wwide Bond Inc	63.11	65.76	+ 4.14	5.57
Emrging Asia Inc	216.60	234.90	- 0.30	0.74
(Accum Units)	217.40	235.70	- 0.50	0.74
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.14	50.14†	+ 0.02	6.22
Thailand Inc	171.30	184.30		1.62
Gold Trust Inc	69.82	75.84	- 0.02	0.84
New Zealand Inc	93.00	99.89	- 0.81	1.75
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	62.65	67.33	..	1.35
Latin Am Grwp Inc	59.67	64.29	- 0.27	
UK All Sh Mirr Inc	58.79	63.02	+ 0.28	3.04
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trusts	75.98	81.28	- 0.44	..
Global Portfolio	68.43	73.19	- 0.49	..
Global Opps	64.83	69.34	- 0.48	...
March Global Gth	63.46	67.30	- 0.07	...
AAM Global Equity	54.65	57.92	- 0.16	...
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	90.15	97.11†	- 0.36	...
Temple Equity Inc	44.49	48.80	- 0.06	2.73
Hardy Growth	75.63	80.16	+ 0.04	0.28
Intl Growth Inc	83.40	89.20	- 0.43	0.20
IPS Portfolio Inc	81.35	87.00	- 0.49	
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	47.51	49.33	+ 0.12	
Premier Prtfos Inc	66.86	71.62	- 0.17	1.60
Rowbergh Strat Gth	71.61	76.59	- 0.30	0.06
Tech Analysts	101.40	107.40	+ 0.40	
Rosebery Growth	44.40	46.46	+ 0.05	0.73
International Strat	77.88	83.27	- 0.65	..
UFC Ind-Acd Grth	53.72	57.84	- 0.44	...
Coverdale Topical	48.90	52.91	- 0.24	...
Prem Equity Inc	107.20	113.80	+ 0.10	1.88
Lowes Intl Growth	46.47	49.92	+ 0.04	1.40
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	246.80	261.70	+ 0.70	2.64
(Accum Units)	519.40	552.50	+ 1.60	2.64
Growth	158.70	164.90†	+ 0.40	2.83
Income	239.50	254.70†	+ 0.10	3.89
Intl Equity	254.00	270.10	- 0.10	1.24
(Accum Units)	280.70	298.60	- 0.10	1.24
UK Income	66.78	71.04	+ 0.05	3.43
UK Intl 25	80.95	86.11	+ 0.08	2.39
New Europe	80.85	86.00	+ 0.03	1.07
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	587.07	627.89	+ 3.14	0.54
(Accum Units)	587.88	628.54	+ 3.14	0.54
Income	364.41	389.75†	+ 2.38	3.29
Wwide Recovery	381.10	407.60	+ 0.72	0.75
Amer Growth Inc	228.06	243.92	+ 2.09	0.01
(Accum Units)	228.06	243.92	+ 2.09	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	237.71	254.24	+ 0.56	0.03
Far East Gth Inc	272.24	291.17	- 0.85	0.38
(Accum Units)	272.24	291.17	- 0.85	0.38
Euro Gwth Inc	146.34	156.52	+ 2.00	0.87
(Accum Units)	146.71	156.91	+ 2.00	0.87
UK Growth Inc	91.93	98.33	+ 0.64	2.74
(Accum Units)	96.72	103.45	+ 0.68	2.74
High Income	98.11	104.94	+ 0.61	3.83
Jap Gwth Inc	205.53	220.10	- 4.95	0.01
(Accum Units)	205.53	220.10	- 4.95	0.01
PEP Growth	118.44	126.68	+ 0.55	1.08
Asian Gth Mkts Inc	124.70	133.37	+ 0.14	0.01
(Accum Units)	124.70	133.37	+ 0.14	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	134.82	143.98	+ 1.61	0.01
(Accum Units)	134.82	143.98	+ 1.61	0.01
Global Bond	55.09	58.87	+ 0.12	5.59
UK Smaller Cos Inc	83.19	88.98	+ 0.10	1.55
(Accum Units)	86.43	92.44	+ 0.10	1.55
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0181 201 3927				
American	101.34	107.81†	- 0.92	
European	72.12	76.72	- 0.26	
Global	61.43	65.35	- 0.71	...
Pacific	56.10	59.68†	- 0.60	...
UK Inc & Grth	65.76	69.96	- 0.27	1.90
POINTON YORK UT MGRS 0113 2550 540				
SW Director Dlgs	94.50	100.75	- 0.35	0.35
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	159.62	169.81	- 0.21	0.18
Emerg Mkts	45.93	48.86	+ 1.65	..
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01444 458 721				
Monthly Income	61.80	65.29	- 0.04	2.49
Growth Income	84.40	88.26	- 0.01	2.10
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	137.37	146.14	+ 0.12	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	95.67	102.80	- 0.40	3.39
Conv & Gilt	109.70	116.70†	+ 0.40	6.35
European Income	75.26	80.06†	+ 0.07	2.80
Extra Income	152.90	162.60	+ 0.40	3.64
(Accum Units)	187.20	199.10	+ 0.50	3.64
Far East	374.80	398.50	- 8.70	0.08
(Accum Units)	381.70	405.00	- 8.80	0.08
Global Income	26.23	27.90	+ 0.06	4.30
High Income	116.50	123.90†	+ 0.30	3.44
(Accum Units)	141.40	150.40	+ 0.30	3.44
International	197.10	209.70†	..	0.68
(Accum Units)	203.10	216.10		0.68
Pref & Fxd Inc	43.25	46.01†	+ 0.07	7.73
Recovery	72.10	76.70†	+ 0.08	2.67

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	112.10	119.30	+ 0.10	1.06
(Accum Units)	121.40	129.10	- 0.10	1.06
Technology	449.70	478.40	- 0.70	...
UK Blue Chip	70.47	74.96	- 0.29	2.44
(Accum Units)	78.70	83.72	- 0.33	2.44
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 588 3963				
Equity Gth	180.00	191.50	+ 0.30	1.79
European Gth	100.50	106.40	+ 0.30	0.48
Income & Gth	136.00	144.70	+ 0.30	3.43
Japan Gth	107.50	114.40	- 2.30	
Nth Amer Gth	135.90	144.60	- 0.30	0.17
Overseas Gth	93.33	99.29	- 0.18	
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4490				
Managed Tst	38.10	39.48	+ 0.05	1.83
Cash Haven Inc	100.96	101.45†	+ 0.03	6.00
Cash Haven Acc	112.63	113.08†	+ 0.03	6.00
Dist Trust Inc	97.59	100.61†	+ 0.18	6.17
Dist Trust Acc	101.58	105.67†	+ 0.17	6.17
Global Growth	89.99	95.73	+ 0.15	0.71
Equity Inc	81.98	87.21†	- 0.28	3.50
Equity	730.75	777.39†	+ 2.98	2.32
European	221.77	229.81†	+ 0.57	0.92
High Income	88.75	94.41	+ 0.13	5.15
Intl Gth	187.23	199.18	+ 0.64	0.89
Intl Sm Co	78.57	83.58	+ 0.34	0.46
Japanese	202.40	209.74	- 3.49	
Nth Amer	176.10	182.54†	- 0.46	1.45
Pacific Mkts	107.38	111.27	+ 2.45	0.57
Premier Inc	47.59	49.53†	- 0.01	6.79
Sm Cos	89.74	95.46†	+ 0.17	1.58
Spec Sits	111.23	118.32	+ 0.27	2.39
UK Growth	124.02	131.93	+ 0.55	2.29
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD 01892 510 033				
British Life	301.10	319.40	- 0.20	3.17
For Rock Asset see Northern Rock				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers: 0171 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	540.21	574.42	- 1.35	0.75
FA America (Acc)	631.56	671.55	- 1.58	0.75
FA UK Equity Inc	158.99	169.44†	- 0.23	3.58
FA Japan	242.34	257.52	- 4.44	...
FA Major UK Cos	97.57	104.06	+ 0.20	2.42
FA Smllr UK Cos	294.51	320.41	- 0.12	1.05
FA European	324.93	345.29	+ 4.20	0.50
FA Amer Smllr Cos	47.36	50.77	- 0.10	0.18
FA Asia	50.78	54.00	+ 0.12	0.18
FA Jap Smllr Cos	40.54	43.54	- 0.76	
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	98.37	104.59	- 0.21	
UK Smllr Cos	85.20	89.68	- 0.03	
UK Income	98.48	103.68	- 0.13	
America	108.55	114.25	- 0.27	
Japanese	53.30	56.10	- 0.97	
European	104.48	109.95	- 1.34	
Gilt	89.95	94.68	- 0.22	
Deposit	84.86	88.11		
Managed	100.74	106.04	+ 0.05	
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	96.72	101.80	+ 0.30	
UK Smaller Cos	83.16	87.53	- 0.03	
UK Income	96.04	101.09	- 0.12	
America	105.60	111.15	- 0.25	
Japanese	51.86	54.58	- 0.94	
European	101.72	107.07	+ 1.31	
Gilt	88.72	93.38	- 0.06	
Deposit	80.70	84.94		
Managed	93.70	98.62	+ 0.05	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	85.14	90.79	- 0.28	0.20
Pacific Basin	73.78	79.26	- 0.27	
High Inc Dist	135.30	144.70	+ 0.30	4.51
Ryl Life Intl Chry	58.45	62.13	- 0.08	3.88
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	67.28	71.74	- 0.27	0.028
Ryl Life Intl Spec	62.99	67.00†	- 0.11	
UK Emerging Cos	124.60	134.70†	- 0.40	1.14
UK Index Trckg	165.90	176.60†	+ 1.00	3.27
European	133.10	142.70	+ 0.30	0.27
Managed	148.80	159.90	- 0.30	0.74
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01206 764 400				
American Growth	147.70	156.20		0.42
European Growth	115.40	121.90		1.04
Far East Growth	135.30	144.00		0.46
Japan Growth	130.40	138.60†		
Special Sits	198.80	211.20		1.31
UK Growth	78.33	83.32		2.40
Triton General	241.10	256.40†		0.94
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	160.70	170.10		0.43
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	338.00	357.70	+ 1.00	0.27
(Accum Units)	525.60	556.20	+ 1.70	0.27
Growth Inc	130.90	138.50	- 0.30	0.55
(Accum Units)	133.40	141.20	- 0.30	0.55
International Inc	335.70	355.20	- 0.70	0.39
(Accum Units)	460.40	487.20	- 0.80	0.39
Nth Am & Intl Inc	322.00	340.70	- 1.60	0.43
UK Gen Prog Inc	220.80	233.60	+ 0.50	1.19
UK High Inc Inc	133.80	141.60	+ 0.30	3.71
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD 0171 330 0572				
American Gwth	67.18	71.44	+ 0.30	
Asian Gwth	112.84	120.04	+ 1.05	0.75
European Gwth	69.93	74.39	+ 0.01	1.00
Global Bd	59.14	62.51	+ 0.03	5.00
Global Eq	58.09	61.80	+ 0.19	0.50
Japan Sm Cos	54.90	58.49	- 1.01	
UK Gwth	62.68	66.68	+ 0.03	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth	71.58	76.15†	+ 0.41	3.45
Amer Smllr Cos	121.40	129.20		
Asian Smaller Cos	40.96	43.57	+ 0.40	
Capital Portfolio	125.60	133.60†		1.97
Cash	127.50	127.50		5.62
China Dragon	58.84	62.60†	+ 0.28	1.20
Commodity	122.40	130.20	+ 0.80	0.46
Eastern Discovery	91.00	96.81†	- 0.40	
Emerging Mkts	38.89	41.37	- 0.10	0.48
Energy Inds	129.40	137.70	+ 0.90	0.65
European Gwth	188.90	201.00	+ 0.10	0.67
Euro Inc & Gwth	77.96	82.94	+ 0.13	1.96
Euro Smllr Cos	54.30	57.77	- 0.07	
Extra Income	52.06	53.88†	+ 0.09	5.81
Financial Secs	210.00	223.40	- 0.60	1.80
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	48.21	50.86	- 0.04	8.72
Gold & Exploration	76.38	81.23	+ 0.39	
High Return	228.20	242.80	+ 0.10	4.19
High Yield	228.30	242.80	+ 0.40	3.70
Income	120.40	128.10	+ 0.30	4.30
Intl Bond	168.40	178.80	+ 0.50	5.26
ITU	206.20	219.40†	- 0.60	1.30
Japan Growth	155.40	165.30	- 3.60	
Japan Smaller	154.80	164.70†	- 1.70	..
Korea	59.52	63.32	- 0.53	
Mastertrust	54.82	58.32	- 0.12	1.38
Scotbits	318.30	338.60	- 1.0	1.56
Scotshares	295.60	314.50†	+ 0.20	2.23
Scotyields	242.90	258.40	+ 0.30	3.39
Select Intl	136.30	145.00	- 0.30	0.15
Smaller Cos Inc	246.10	261.80	- 0.20	3.83
SE Asia	53.28	56.68†	- 0.05	
Special Situation	128.50	136.70		0.87
UK Equity	249.00	264.90	+ 0.10	2.83
UK Growth	85.39	90.58†	+ 0.08	1.64
UK & O'seas	166.90	177.60	- 0.20	1.36
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	48.17	51.24	+ 0.03	1.64
US Growth	154.30	164.10	+ 0.50	0.43
Univ Growth	135.30	143.90†	- 0.40	0.77
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Cllc: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	264.87	281.30†	+ 2.79	1.03
(Accum Units)	289.54	307.49†	+ 3.05	1.03
European Gwth	77.12	81.89†	+ 0.60	1.05
Euro Smllr Cos	80.15	85.49	+ 0.11	0.56
Far Eastern Gth	94.77	101.08	- 0.19	
(Accum Units)	96.48	102.91	- 0.19	
Gilt & Fixed Int	51.45	54.25	+ 0.12	7.70
Global Bond	52.03	53.76	+ 0.20	6.80
(Accum Units)	57.08	58.98	+ 0.22	6.80
Global Emer Mkts	53.69	57.28†	+ 0.03	
(Accum Units)	53.89	57.26†	+ 0.03	..
Income	356.64	380.41	+ 0.48	5.09
(Accum Units)	£11.33	£12.09	+ 1.53	5.09
Japan Smllr Cos	440.23	469.57	- 5.80	...
(Accum Units)	441.11	470.51	- 5.81	...
Japan Enterprise	64.33	68.61†	- 1.25	
Pacific Gwth	135.43	144.45	+ 0.81	0.32
(Accum Units)	139.80	149.12	+ 0.85	0.32
Portfolio	82.23	87.71	+ 0.22	2.19
(Accum Units)	89.29	95.24	+ 0.24	2.19
Seoul	45.35	48.80†	- 0.42	..
(Accum Units)	45.35	48.80†	- 0.42	
Smaller Cos	218.14	232.68	+ 0.78	1.50
Tokyo	118.44	126.33	- 2.10	
(Accum Units)	119.64	127.61	- 2.12	
UK Enterprise	265.90	283.62	+ 1.26	2.17
(Accum Units)	318.98	340.23	+ 1.50	2.17
UK Equity	247.39	263.88	- 0.88	2.83
(Accum Units)	480.72	512.76	+ 1.71	2.83
US Smlr Cos	169.24	180.52†	+ 1.66	
(Accum Units)	49.37	51.41†	+ 0.41	0.78
Institutional Funds				
European	245.12	254.78	+ 1.29	1.46
(Accum Units)	272.93	283.69	+ 1.45	1.46
Euro Smllr Cos	29.61	30.84†	+ 0.02	1.75
(Accum Units)	31.47	32.77†	+ 0.02	1.75
Global Equity Inc	79.07	82.38†	- 0.27	1.03
Japan Smllr Cos	36.38	37.89	- 0.33	0.33
(Accum Units)	36.86	38.18	- 0.34	0.33
Mngd Balanced	191.30	199.27†	+ 0.37	3.01
(Accum Units)	218.31	227.40†	+ 0.43	3.01
Overseas Equity	191.68	199.68	- 0.30	1.08
(Accum Units)	198.46	206.73	- 0.31	1.08
Oseas Smllr Cos	123.90	129.06	- 0.14	0.82
(Accum Units)	129.59	134.98	- 0.15	0.82
Pacific	254.89	265.51†	+ 1.19	1.26
(Accum Units)	278.85	290.46†	+ 1.30	1.26
Recovery	£18.92	£19.71	+ 7.58	2.96
(Accum Units)	£20.01	£20.84	+ 8.01	2.96
UK Index	155.92	162.41†	+ 0.15	3.57
(Accum Units)	192.47	200.49†	- 0.19	3.57
UK Small Cos	115.94	120.77	+ 0.25	2.81
(Accum Units)	124.32	129.49	+ 0.28	2.81
US Smllr Cos	48.48	50.49†	+ 0.42	0.76
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	50.89	54.20	- 0.10	3.74
Equity Trust	62.74	66.82	- 0.21	3.12
Equity Strategy	73.90	78.70	- 0.11	1.39
European Opps	89.83	95.67	+ 0.71	1.02
UK Smaller Cos	64.45	68.64	- 0.16	1.33
Maximum Inc	99.23	101.79	+ 0.01	8.70
Japanese	72.88	77.62	- 0.97	
Asia Pacific	119.46	127.23	- 1.56	1.23
American	108.29	115.33	- 1.80	0.52
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 0800 454 422				
Cash	31.33	31.33	+ 0.01	5.865
UK General Inc	53.36	56.92	+ 0.06	2.84
(Accum Units)	68.52	73.09	+ 0.08	2.84
Intl Income	265.60	282.40†	- 1.00	1.01
(Accum Units)	456.70	487.78†	- 1.60	1.01
European	83.60	89.49	+ 0.05	1.47
Japan	66.66	70.68	- 1.29	0.08
American	71.32	75.44†	- 0.09	1.92
Far East	84.86	90.31	- 0.51	0.76
Ethical Inc	30.67	32.80†	- 0.04	2.15
UK Blue Chip Inc	34.56	36.93†	+ 0.10	2.96
High Inc Inc	35.88	38.27†	- 0.01	3.44
UK Global Inc	40.05	42.72†	- 0.05	1.57
Wwide Tech	70.45	74.90†	- 0.37	1.25
Europe 2000 Tsts	54.85	58.22	- 0.02	1.51
Technology	115.61	123.03†	- 0.26	1.51
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	391.90	418.60	+ 2.20	2.92
American	274.90	291.60	+ 0.50	0.53
Pacific	378.30	404.60	- 2.10	0.60
European	570.20	609.60	- 2.50	1.31
Worldwide	88.31	94.45	- 0.10	0.76
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	272.00	289.40	+ 1.50	1.81
(Accum Units)	343.30	365.20	+ 1.50	1.81
UK Sr Co Eq Inc	204.20	217.30		2.04
(Accum Units)	244.70	260.40		2.04
Select Opprtunity Inc	67.89	72.61	+ 0.25	2.07
Income Plus Inc	71.67	76.25	+ 0.30	4.15
European Inc	355.20	377.90	+ 1.90	1.19
(Accum Units)	401.20	426.90	+ 1.90	1.19
Far Eastern Inc	175.60	188.90†	+ 1.10	0.88
(Accum Units)	200.80	213.70†	+ 1.10	0.88
Japanese Inc	57.28	60.94	- 1.58	
Nth American Inc	243.30	258.80†	- 0.40	0.77
(Accum Units)	268.40	285.60†	+ 0.40	0.77

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Inc	200.00	212.80	- 0.80	0.54
Wwide Venture Inc	80.56	85.71		0.70
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT 0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	364.40	388.60	- 2.90	2.90
(Accum Units)	540.80	578.90	- 4.30	2.90
UK High Inc	182.20	194.30	- 1.30	3.80
(Accum Units)	367.40	385.30	- 1.90	3.80
Europe Inc	376.10	401.10	- 3.80	0.40
Nth Amer Inc	223.50	238.30	+ 1.80	0.07
Global Inc	203.10	216.60	- 0.80	0.35
Global Acc	218.00	232.50	- 0.60	0.35
UK Spec Sits Inc	100.80	107.50	- 0.60	3.28
South East Asia	222.10	236.90	+ 1.00	0.87
Cash Trust Inc	101.80	101.80		5.84
UK Smlr Cos Inc	105.80	112.90	- 0.20	2.08
(Accum Units)	108.30	115.40	- 0.30	2.08
Intl Bond Inc	95.14	101.00	+ 0.30	5.97
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	145.50	152.80	+ 0.20	4.37
SHARP (ALBERT E) Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	130.40	137.30	- 0.30	0.86
Nth American	108.60	114.50	- 0.10	0.39
Intl Bond & Conv	121.70	128.10	...	4.88
Pooled Pension (†)	192.00	206.40		3.14
Smaller Cos	77.47	81.55	+ 0.02	1.28
UK General	131.10	138.00	+ 0.30	1.90
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 0171 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund‡	106.80		+ 0.50	...
Aspect	74.27		- 0.50	
European‡	122.70		+ 0.70	
Global Bond‡	94.94		+ 0.36	7.98
Samurai‡	48.70		- 0.44	
UK Growth‡	99.39		+ 0.28	2.76
Tal Fund	100.20		+ 0.29	
UK Emerg Leaders‡	101.20	...	- 0.50	1.36
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 0171 637 5377				
American	314.60	332.90	- 4.10	
Canadian	68.70	72.69	+ 0.15	0.59
Capital	122.10	130.80	- 1.10	1.57
Cash	100.74	100.74	+ 0.01	5.80
European	135.30	143.10†	- 0.90	1.23
Far Eastern	149.00	157.60	- 3.80	
Growth	134.20	141.90	- 1.20	1.09
Income	125.70	133.00	- 0.50	5.75
Magnum	130.50	138.80	- 1.30	1.64
Smllr Secs	376.30	398.20	- 1.50	0.81
Thoroughbred	150.90	161.90†	- 1.40	1.59
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01202 298 422				
Cash	49.69	50.18†	+ 0.02	5.20
Comml Prmrnce	54.56	58.67	- 0.08	8.18
Ethical	56.48	60.73	+ 0.20	2.80
European Growth	76.24	81.72	+ 0.53	2.98
Income	53.85	57.90†	+ 0.16	6.13
Intl Growth	100.10	107.30†	+ 0.40	2.98
Managed	84.12	90.45	+ 0.28	1.70
UK Growth	62.55	67.25	+ 0.20	3.40
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS 0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	39.87	40.07	- 0.40	1.93
Global Advtg Acc	42.73	42.95	- 0.40	1.93
Income Advtg Inc	31.77	31.93	- 0.20	3.88
Income Advtg Acc	35.21	35.39	- 0.20	3.88
UK Equity Gth Acc	67.38	71.43	- 0.40	1.29
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	51.86	55.11	- 0.50	1.70
UK Eq HI Inc Inc	37.11	39.43†	- 0.20	3.36
UK Eq HI Inc Acc	46.51	49.42	- 0.20	3.36
UK Equity Gen Acc	63.18	67.13	- 0.50	2.18
UK Equity Gen Inc	46.23	49.12	- 0.40	2.18
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	30.61	32.38†		6.13
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	321.40	348.80	- 3.10	1.81
Nth American Acc	46.55	49.46	- 0.40	0.51
Far East Acc	69.14	73.47	- 1.10	0.26
European Acc	53.91	57.28	- 0.20	0.97
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	3.846	4.078		1.79
US Eqts (US$)	2.700	2.863	..	0.61
Far East Eqts (yen)	210.00	223.80		
Japan Eqtes (yen)	187.60	199.30		
FT Europe	134.20	142.50		1.80
FT N Amer (US$)	2.008	2.127		0.85
FT Japan (yen)	198.50	210.80		
FT Asia ExJap (US$)	2.578	2.738		1.39
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 226 3271				
American	382.70	407.20	..	
British	£10.23	£10.83	+ 3.70	3.46
Emerging Mkts	142.30	151.50	- 0.90	0.45
European	543.00	578.30	+ 0.50	0.59
Japan	135.00	143.60	- 2.40	
New Pacific	390.10	415.50	+ 1.40	0.62
(Accum Units)	411.20	437.90	+ 1.40	0.62
Inv Trust Acc	259.20	274.70	+ 0.30	0.84
Mngd Equity	176.00	186.20	- 0.30	1.75
Mngd Cash	95.91	95.91	+ 0.02	5.62
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 389				
Equity	836.60	894.80	+ 3.70	3.47
North America	129.50	138.50	+ 0.30	0.45
Far East	146.10	156.30	- 0.40	0.34
Wwide Bond	58.44	62.04†	- 0.03	4.93
European	105.80	113.20	- 0.50	0.80
Equity Income	91.38	97.73	+ 1.11	4.57
Portfolio	87.15	93.21†	+ 0.29	1.92
UK Leading Cos	62.12	66.26	+ 0.44	3.6
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	66.28	70.89	- 0.50	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD 0800 525 725				
Artemis UT	22.60	24.05†	- 0.01	0.88
European	38.35	40.80†	+ 0.15	0.70
High Income	33.48	35.62†	+ 0.12	4.80
Japan	34.37	36.57	- 0.65	
Managed Assets	129.19	138.18	+ 0.51	2.71
North American	33.71	35.87	+ 0.10	0.60
Smlr Co's Inc	30.68	32.64†	+ 0.04	2.80
Smlr Co's Acc	32.89	34.99†	+ 0.04	2.80
UK Growth Inc	58.92	62.69	- 0.34	3.40
UK Growth Acc	63.80	67.88	+ 0.25	3.40
UK Income	41.62	44.52	+ 0.22	3.71
Worldwide Grth	35.78	38.27	...	1.07
Confederation				
Canadian Exmpt	60.22	62.09†	- 0.06	1.70
European Exmpt	84.09	86.70†	+ 0.47	1.38
Pacific Exmpt	59.92	61.78†	- 0.52	0.78
US Exmpt	76.40	78.77	- 0.34	1.90
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	48.86	51.98	- 0.31	
Cap Protector Inc	41.93	44.84†	+ 0.14	2.08
UK Income Inc	51.97	55.39	+ 0.09	3.46
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	32.77	35.05†	+ 0.08	5.21
Mngd High Yld Inc	79.68	85.22†	+ 0.19	4.25
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	75.29	80.52†	+ 0.21	3.74
UK Smaller Cos	34.85	37.27	+ 0.03	2.65
Pacific Gth Port	48.26	51.61	+ 0.30	0.58
TSB UNIT TRUSTS 01264 346 794				
American	216.64	229.25	- 0.33	
(Accum Units)	238.62	252.50	- 0.37	
Brit Growth	98.51	104.25	- 0.12	2.16
(Accum Units)	119.64	126.60	- 0.16	2.16
European	105.99	112.16	- 0.70	0.78
(Accum Units)	112.71	119.27	+ 0.74	0.78
Extra Income	193.49	204.75	+ 0.36	4.29
(Accum Units)	333.22	352.62	+ 0.63	4.29
Smaller Cos	73.56	77.84	+ 0.08	1.42
(Accum Units)	82.95	87.78	+ 0.09	1.42
General	289.63	306.48	+ 0.92	2.48
(Accum Units)	599.51	634.40	+ 1.90	2.48
Premier Income	49.26	51.31†	- 0.05	6.24
(Accum Units)	113.94	118.68†	- 0.13	6.24
Income	337.08	356.67	+ 0.65	3.78
(Accum Units)	739.04	782.05	+ 1.86	3.78
Pacific	403.94	427.45	- 2.73	
(Accum Units)	424.44	449.15	- 2.86	
International	536.47	567.69†	- 0.19	0.33
(Accum Units)	705.89	746.96†	- 0.24	0.33
Natl Resources	152.63	161.51†	+ 0.28	
Special Opps	108.16	114.47	+ 0.28	1.68
(Accum Units)	138.49	146.55	+ 0.36	1.68
Environmental Inv	63.21	66.89	+ 0.17	1.98
Selector	62.95	66.61†	+ 0.14	1.98
(Accum Units)	71.63	75.79†	+ 0.16	1.98
High Income	65.18	68.97	+ 0.14	4.88
(Accum Units)	83.04	87.87	+ 0.19	4.88
Intl Income	59.31	62.76	+ 0.07	4.94
(Accum Units)	74.45	78.78	+ 0.08	4.94
Selector Income	61.01	64.56†	+ 0.09	4.75
(Accum Units)	73.05	77.31†	+ 0.11	4.75
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED 0181 687 1018				
British	333.50	351.00	- 1.10	3.08
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	207.20	221.60	+ 1.02	2.65
Glob Balncd Inc	174.96	182.12†	+ 0.82	3.59
Value Tst Inc	125.45	134.17	+ 0.50	1.84
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	41.84	43.37	+ 0.08	7.48
European Growth	280.12	293.31	+ 1.43	0.40
Exempts	534.66	567.83†	- 2.79	3.80
Global Em Mkts	82.35	86.25†	- 0.37	0.48
Japan Tst	72.18	75.58†	- 1.40	..
Little Dragons	92.48	96.83†	+ 0.56	
Nth Amer Gwth	237.41	248.59	+ 0.56	0.80
Oriental Income	45.20	47.32	+ 0.18	2.30
Preference	125.16	131.05†	+ 0.28	9.88
Tiger	283.78	297.16†	+ 1.84	
(Accum Units)	298.15	312.19†	+ 1.71	
UK Blue Chip	63.84	66.63	+ 0.30	2.88
UK Growth	513.32	537.50†	+ 1.48	2.48
UK High Yield	103.91	108.80†	+ 0.16	4.88
(Accum Units)	341.08	357.15†	+ 0.54	4.88
UK Mid-Cap	252.49	264.38†	+ 0.27	2.40
UK Smlr Cos	100.18	104.90	- 0.05	1.10
UK Smlr Cos Div	89.91	94.14	+ 0.04	5.30
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD 01277 690 336				
UK Equity Income	100.20	106.69	+ 0.37	3.93
UK Equity Growth	88.91	94.56	+ 0.45	1.66
European	72.85	77.50	+ 0.49	1.37
Nth American	74.93	79.71	- 0.05	0.50
Far Eastern	69.06	73.47	+ 0.27	1.61
Money	67.82	67.82	+ 0.02	4.70
Fixed Interest	73.29	77.97	+ 0.09	6.68
Index Linked Gilt	68.68	73.06	- 0.04	1.31
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0131 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	23.33	24.56	- 0.02	
Pacific Basin	43.84	46.14	+ 0.17	...
Global Bond (US$)	0.89	0.93	- 0.00	
Penny Share	38.98	41.03	...	...
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 623 2444				
Challenger	95.74	99.08	- 0.22	
Short Dtd Gilt	114.40	115.90†	- 0.18	
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.74	0.75	- 0.00	0.84
Gilt Income	50.60	52.65	- 0.10	7.50
Gilt Growth	72.48	75.42	- 0.25	..
City Reserve	52.57	52.58	+ 0.01	5.75
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Intl Mgd	51.00	54.07	+ 0.22	1.88
UK Stockmarket	81.57	86.77	+ 0.49	2.58

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return). † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital; ⊕ Exit Charge

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Equities rise in late trading

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
493	413	Abbey Nat	472	-1	4.7	9.6
298	250	Allied Irish	291	+1	4.8	6.5
237	192	Aus New Z	230	-5	5.0	8.3
3300	2531½	Bank America£	3300	+12½		
230	191½	Bank Scotland	217	+2½	3.4	9.6
671	557½	Barclays	660	+18	4.0	7.2
360	298	Bk of Ireland	338	+3½	4.8	
505	418	Cater Allen	505	+7	7.9	10.4
3357½	2450	Citicorp	3156½	-52½		
273	219	Clyde Bros	273	+4	3.6	12.3
£156⅛	£129¼	Commerzbk	£144¼	-8½	3.7	
1375	935	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1242	-37½	6.5	
1319½	1265	Deutsche Bk	1294¼	-75	2.7	
887½	612½	Espirito Santo	878½	+3½	9.5	
1611	1132½	Fuji Bank Y	1486	-35½	0.4	
490	395	Gerrard Nat	467	+2		
253	195	Hambros	250	-1	6.6	13.2
813	589	HSBC	808	+19½	9.1	12.6
801	578	HSBC Hlds	798	+17	4.2	11.6
298	228	Irish Perm	298	+4	4.2	11.4
408	363	Joseph (L)	363		2.6	6.9
105	85	King Shaxson	105	+2	6.1	10.6
675	529	Kleinwort Ben	675	+12	10.7	10.4
683	530	Lloyds	683	+1	3.9	12.4
592	479	Nat Aust Bk	666	-14	4.8	11.2
557	454	Nat West	545	+4	6.7	8.8
2600	2150	Ottoman Bank	2600	-175	5.8	9.8
67	51	Rea Bros	51		6.0	3.7
433	373½	Roy Bk Scott	432	-1½	2.5	18.7
1140	905½	Schroders	1125	+22	4.6	9.4
978½	823½	Schroders N/V	938	+8	1.5	16.2
92	81	Singer & Fried	91		1.8	13.4
338½	246	Stand Chart	338½	+7½	4.8	
256	217	TSB	251	+4	3.0	10.4
105	70	Union	99	-5	4.5	10.7
883	655	Warburg SG	753	+9	3.8	
£113	9043½	Wells Fargo	£111½	+37½	3.7	
257½	211	Westpac	237½	-4½	2.6	
235	200	Westrust	205		2.3	
					6.5	13.7

BREWERIES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
172	143	Ascot Hldgs	159			
577	497	Bass	556	+2	4.7	13.7
277	239	Boddington	275	+1	4.0	14.1
177	152	Burtonwd Brw	153		4.2	12.8
170	137	Eldridge P 'A'	163	-1	3.1	19.8
61	51	Fosters Brewing	56	-3	5.8	14.5
370	335	Fuller Sm 'A'	368		2.5	15.5
483	402	Greenalls Grp	465	-1	3.7	13.3
533	468	Greene King	522		3.1	14.2
367	240	Hardy Hanson	254		4.6	12.4
160	150	Heartree	160		3.5	11.4
3425	3145	Holt JJ	3160		2.1	
260	219	Mansfield	253		2.3	15.8
312	266	Marston Thmp	297		2.6	14.4
470	400	Morland	465		2.9	14.0
8½	6½	Pacamount	7½		4.0	18.3
392	307	Regent Inns	391		1.9	22.5
1881½	1287½	S& Brewers	1771½		2.0	
556	482	Scot & New	525	-3½	4.3	15.8
237	211	Vaux Group	228	+1	5.5	12.9
533	448	Wetherspoon JD	527		1.7	24.4
592	521	Whitbread	577	+4	4.4	15.0
555	483	Wolvrhmptn D	548	-1	3.2	14.2
260	186	Yates Bros	245		1.9	19.3
465	450	Young 'A'	458		4.1	19.4

PHARMACEUTICALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
590	425	Brit Biotech	518	+23		
345	103	Cantab Pharms	138	+3		
308	233½	Celltech	304			
144	92½	Chiroscience	141			
44	31	Cortecs	44			
191	103	Fisons	178½	-1½	3.0	
749	587	Glaxo Wellcome	710	+6	4.9	16.2
124	100	Grampian Hldgt	119		6.1	15.1
264	162	Medeva	235	-1	1.8	16.1
1½		Premier Health				
278	230	Quality Care	277		2.0	13.7
428	373	Scotia	406			
537	444	SmithKline	498½	+7½	3.3	14.8
513	416	SmthKline Unit	479	+7	3.4	14.2
1080	650	Wellcome	1056	+3	2.7	22.7
935	640	Zeneca	935	+11	3.8	21.1

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
562	491	Allied Domecq	520	+1½	5.7	12.2
431	390	Bulmer (HP)	431	+4	3.2	23.3
121	99	Burn Stewart	106		5.9	21.8
410	352	Grand Met	385	+1	4.7	17.1
480	404	Guinness	469	+7½	3.7	14.7
445	337	Highland Distil	358	-1	2.6	16.2
217	175	Macallan-Glen	183		0.9	44.4
710	600	Macdn Mtn 'A'	675		1.8	29.0
613	532	Matthew Clark	613		3.8	38.1
88	61	Merrydown W	81		3.9	
174	139	Tamton Cider	162	-1	5.9	13.0

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
411½	364½	BT	401	+4½	5.7	15.4
437	350½	Cable Wireless	410	+6	2.6	18.6
1540	1480	Securicor	1465	+5	0.3	34.1
1003	900	Securicor 'A'	915	+5	0.5	20.9
823	733	Security Serv	800	+3	1.0	22.3
188	147	Telewest	165			
212	177½	Vodafone	200½	+4	1.9	25.9

OTHER FINANCIAL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
98	75	BWD	84		6.2	8.1
132	126	Baltic Plc	132	+1	2.8	7.1
78	50	Barry Bch Mol	52		6.3	
158	148	Biotec Inv	157	-1		

MEDIA

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
370	335	Abbott Mead	364		2.5	23.5
318	276	Adscene	283		3.0	18.3
29½	22	Aegis Gp	28½			11.4
7½	2½	Allied Radio	2½			
13	11	BBB Design	11			30.4
205	155	Barbour Index	205		5.3	18.3
8½	5	Birdale	5			
335	315	Black (A&C)	328	+8	5.3	11.6

WATER

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
520	443	Anglian	504	+6	5.8	11.4
349	295	Mid Kent Hdgs	323	+2	4.6	10.9
579	483	North West	578	+4	5.2	8.3
908	676	Northumbrian	895	+3	3.8	9.6
564	475	Severn Trent	546	-1	5.4	9.1
2210	1855	South Staffs	2210		3.1	13.3
527	459	South West	513	-3	6.4	7.8
695	517	Southern	597	-3	5.0	8.6
504	456	Thames	488	+2	6.0	7.3
670	567	Welsh	624	+3	5.3	6.9
312	252	Wessex	298	+3	6.1	7.8
583	472	Yorkshire	563	+6	5.2	8.3

TRANSPORT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
70	61	Air London	69		6.3	13.1
768½	623½	All Nippon Air	705½	-29½	0.3	
300	262	Assoc Br Ports	299	-1	2.3	19.0
498	414	BAA	490	+1	2.4	18.7
155	130	Badgerline	144		3.9	14.6
100	42	Berkeley Bus	42			
438½	348	Br Airways	410	-15	3.9	10.2
51	35	Central Trans R	47			
115	93	Clarkson (H)	110	-¼	2.3	
191	153	Clydeport	190	+7	2.3	17.5
167	142	Dart	167		2.9	16.1
233	193	Eurotunnel	228	-3	4.6	17.9
324	178	Eurotunnel Uts	184			
85	50	Fisher (James)	65		1.9	13.8
565	436	Forth Ports	565		2.2	
286	230	GBT Bus	271		2.0	
236	166	Go-Ahead	223	+1	2.2	24.0
250	199	Goode Durrant	246	-2	3.2	19.3
135	100	Inhl Steam	102		5.4	13.4
69	52	Jacobs (JI)	60		2.1	
77	62	Lon O'Seas Frts	75	+3	0.8	13.0
440	356	Mersey Docks	440		3.0	17.4
189	156	NFC	179		5.0	18.4
387	289	Nat Express	374		3.0	14.4
325	261	Ocean Group	324		5.5	21.2
83	68	Ocean Wilson	81		4.9	11.7
618	549	P & O Dfd	603	-8	6.3	16.1
193	167	P & O 5.5%	192	+1	3.6	
93	87	Seacon	91		3.3	47.0
236	196	Stagecoach	212		2.5	21.1
110	79	TNT	91	-4		
713	500	Tibbet & Britten	525		3.9	12.3
237	184	TDG	237	+2	5.0	15.9
128	92	Upland	108		2.8	
110	90	Utd Carriers	110		5.6	30.8

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1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
101⅞	100⅝	Exch 10¼% 1995	100⅞	-⅛	10.16	6.30
104⅝	102⅞	Treas 12¾% 1995	102⅞	...	12.39	6.80
106⅝	104⅝	Treas 14% 1996	104⅝	...	13.37	6.63
109⅝	107⅞	Treas 15¼% 1996	107⅞	...	14.18	6.82
107⅞	105⅞	Exch 13¼% 1996	105⅞	...	12.51	6.88
103⅞	103⅞	Conv 10% 1996	103⅞	...	9.62	7.13
98⅞	97⅞	Treas 7% 1997	98⅞	...	7.07	7.37
109⅞	108⅞	Treas 13¼% 1997	109⅞	...	12.16	7.33
105⅞	104⅞	Exch 10½% 1997	105⅞	+⅛	10.00	7.34
102⅞	100⅞	Treas 8¾% 1997	102⅞	...	8.54	7.51
116⅞	114⅞	Exch 15% 1997	115⅞	...	12.93	7.65
105⅞	102⅞	Exch 9¾% 1998	104⅞	...	9.31	7.70
99⅞	96⅞	Treas 7¼% 1998	98⅞	+⅛	7.34	7.60
97⅞	94⅞	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	97⅞	...	6.93	7.71
118⅞	114⅞	Treas 14% 1998-01	116⅞	...	12.08	7.88
122⅞	120⅞	Treas 15½% 1998	122⅞	+⅛	12.67	7.77
112⅞	109⅞	Exch 12% 1998	112⅞	+⅛	10.68	7.86
105⅞	102⅞	Treas 9½% 1999	105⅞	...	9.04	7.88
114⅞	111⅞	Exch 12¼% 1999	114⅞	+⅛	10.74	7.90
108⅞	105⅞	Treas 10½% 1999	108⅞	+⅛	9.65	7.87
93⅞	89⅞	Treas 6% 1999	89⅞	+⅛	8.41	7.81
106⅞	105⅞	Conv 10¼% 1999	106⅞	+⅛	9.44	7.93
		Treas 8½% 2005	103⅞	+⅛	8.25	8.03
		Conv 9½% 2005	109⅞	+⅛	8.71	8.13
		Treas 12½% 2003-05	127⅞	+⅛	9.99	8.90
		Treas 7¾% 2006	97⅞	+⅛	7.98	8.09
		Treas 8% 2002-06	99⅞	+⅛	8.07	8.09
		Treas 11¾% 2003-07	119⅞	+⅛	9.87	8.32
		Treas 8½% 2007	103⅞	+⅛	8.25	8.09
		Treas 13½% 2004-08	132⅞	+⅛	10.22	8.29
		Treas 9% 2008	107⅞	+⅛	8.40	8.10
		Treas 8% 2009	99⅞	+⅛	8.07	8.10
LONGS (over 15 years)						
84⅞	79⅞	Treas 6¼% 2010	84⅞ †	+⅛	7.44	8.06
107⅞	101⅞	Conv 9% 2011	107⅞	+⅛	8.34	8.11
108⅞	102⅞	Treas 9% 2012	108⅞	+⅛	8.32	8.10
77⅞	72⅞	Treas 5½% 2008-12	77⅞	+⅛	7.09	7.89
98⅞	93⅞	Treas 8% 2013	98⅞	+⅛	8.08	8.08
96⅞	91⅞	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	96⅞	+⅛	8.00	8.07
107⅞	100⅞	Treas 8¾% 2017	107⅞	+⅛	8.17	8.04
136⅞	127⅞	Exch 12% 2013-17	136⅞ †	+⅛	8.86	8.25
UNDATED						
43⅞	40⅞	War Ln 3½%	43⅞ †	-⅛	8.09	...
30⅞	28⅞	Treas 2½%	30⅞	+⅛	8.15	...
48⅞	45⅞	Consols 4%	48⅞	-⅛	8.32	...
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:					10%	5%
210⅞	201⅞	Treas IL 2% 1996	210⅞	+⅛	1.65	3.10
110⅞	106⅞	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	110⅞	+⅛	2.24	3.25
175⅞	165⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2001	175⅞	+⅛	2.96	3.43
171⅞	161⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2003	171⅞	+⅛	3.12	3.50
114	108⅞	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	114	+⅛	3.17	3.52
179⅞	168⅞	Treas IL 2% 2006	179⅞	+⅛	3.26	3.53
162⅞	152⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2009	162⅞	+⅛	3.31	3.55
168⅞	157⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2011	168⅞	+⅛	3.36	3.57
138⅞	129⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2013	138⅞	+⅛	3.39	3.58
148⅞	137⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2016	148⅞	+⅛	3.43	3.61
142⅞	131⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2020	142⅞	+⅛	3.49	3.63
118⅞	109⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2024	118⅞	+⅛	3.47	3.61
117⅞	108⅞	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	117⅞	+⅛	3.50	3.64

Source: Firstat

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Surge in start-ups of small firms

BY RODNEY HOBSON

THE number of small business start-ups is now higher than at any time since the late 1980s, according to Barclays Bank's latest *Small Business Bulletin*.

Barclays also reports that 83 per cent of new business owners are optimistic that they will achieve higher levels of business within the next 12 months and 65 per cent expect to take on more staff by the end of next year. The figures confirm the economic recovery noted in National Westminster Bank's quarterly bulletin last week.

Barclays says more than 122,000 businesses started in the first quarter of 1995, 30 per cent more than during the low point of the recession in 1991-92 and 7 per cent more than in the same period last year.

About 105,000 businesses shut between January and March this year, a 2 per cent fall from a year earlier. Barclays says the fall in closures is slowing, but that is not necessarily a bad sign. Many businesses close in an orderly way for personal reasons, or to realise assets. Insolvencies now count for fewer than one in ten closures.

The figures show the number of businesses rising by 17,000 to 2.63 million, 2 per cent higher than a year ago. Regionally, the North, Yorkshire and the Midlands recorded the highest level of start-ups during the first quarter of 1995.

David Lavarack, the bank's small business services director, says: "Their success follows a rise in demand for exports that has fuelled the growth of the region's manufacturing bases."

East Anglia's economy continued to be one of the fastest growing, but Wales and the North West experienced a fall in the number of new businesses. There were 5,800 start-ups in Wales, 16 per cent below the level in the first quarter of last year. Scotland saw 1,900 start-ups, a 4 per cent increase. The figures do not include Northern Ireland.

Mr Lavarack adds: "Although they are still cautious following the experience of the recession, potential business owners are becoming more confident about opportunities in the market-place. We expect start-ups to continue to rise moderately and the level of closures to remain constant, leading to a more stable and mature stock of small businesses capable of creating a firm foundation for economic growth."



Out of the corporate rut

James Kitchenham on an independent partnership that took on the big firms and won

Setting up your own business is the dream of many people in a corporate rut, but it takes either the sudden jolt of redundancy or the gradual wearing down by increasingly worsening conditions at work to make most people find the courage to do it.

In the case of Kevin Parish and Hilary Whittley, it was the latter that caused them in the late autumn of 1993 seriously to consider leaving their corporate-owned estate agency in Diss, Norfolk, to start their own business.

"When the old, family-owned firm we worked for was taken over by a large insurance company, at first things continued much as before," said Mr Parish.

"But when the recession began to bite, the company brought in 'performance-management' which was supposed to create higher productivity, but the effect was to destroy team spirit. You succeeded at someone else's expense and it became divisive.

"The programme created so much paperwork that I called it 'paralysis by analysis'. In this business, you need to adapt to local conditions and you just couldn't run the office efficiently if you followed the strictures laid down by the headquarters office. I would spend the whole of Monday morning checking last week's targets against business done and then make targets for the current week, when the whole office should have been on the telephone following up the weekend's inquiries. It was totally dead time."

JAMES MORGAN



Sign of the times: Hilary Whittley and Kevin Parish at Diss

Mrs Whittley said: "We both felt that there was a demand locally for a small, friendly, independent firm of estate agents that could provide a caring service at a time when all the local firms were being taken over by faceless corporations." When they took the decision to go ahead, they felt it was right to stay in Diss, as, of their 33 years' joint experience in the business, much of it had been in that locality and local knowledge is a huge asset in the business of selling houses.

After forming a partnership, they used a solicitor to seek a premises in the town, but this was unsuccessful. "Walking round the town we found a large shop that looked suitable for dividing into two units, so we approached the owner, who agreed to split it," said Mr Parish.

Both partners put in £20,000 from their savings and so were not dependent on bank financing. But they produced a business plan to see how their budget would run through the first year of trading. As soon as they had signed their lease, they resigned and within four weeks had done promotional work and opened Whittley Parish. Three weeks later they were joined by a part-time secretary/negotiator.

Their first property was sold in a fortnight and after six weeks they had 100 on their books. By their second month of trading, they had sold 19 properties and after their first full year had completed just over 200 sales.

By that time they were employing five full and part-time negotiators and proof of their hunch that an independent could give corporate firms a run for their money came in the fact that three of the local corporate-owned firms closed their doors for the last time.

BRIEFINGS

An extension has been granted for business owners to make substantial contributions to small self-administered pension schemes. The generous funding limits were scheduled to be abolished by the Inland Revenue at the end of April, but Grant Thornton, a leading firm of chartered accountants, expects the extension to last until October. Currently, contributions can be equal to and, in some cases, exceed, a director's salary. The contribution level could be reduced to 39 per cent of earnings, Grant Thornton believes.

☐ Legal & General, the insurance group, has reprinted its free guide to protecting premises because of high demand from the business community. The booklet covers break-ins, fire, flood and general weather damage. Copies from: 0171-614 2844.

☐ Solotec, the training and enterprise council that covers south London, is holding a series of subsidised one-day workshops in June and July. Businesses employing up to 25 people in the boroughs of Bexley, Bromley, Croydon and Sutton are eligible to take part. A session on performing under pressure will be led by Helen Sharman, the first woman astronaut. Other speakers include Chris Moss, who launched Orange, the mobile telephone network, and David Cormack, head of training and development at Shell International. The cost is £75 a session.

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I must go down to the seas again: Will Maclean's nautical set of *Voyages* goes on show in Cork Street

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Face of the observant emigré: the NPG displays György Gordon's portraits and self-portraits



■ THEATRE

The decadent world of Tennessee Williams's *Vieux Carré*, given strong treatment in Nottingham

Scenes from a quiet revolution

VISUAL ART: **Richard Cork** admires the way that the new show at the Hayward puts Impressionism in its historical and social context

If you believe the myth-makers, Impressionism burst into life with red-hot fervour. Rejecting the tired conventions of Salon painting, Monet and his allies are supposed to have forged their revolution with a glance at tradition, while their conservative foes damned them as heretical charlatans.

However attractive such clear-cut notions may be, they belong to comic-books rather than history. And now John House of the Courtauld Institute has set the record straight with an admirable Hayward Gallery exhibition. Rather than selecting yet another tired old survey of Impressionist favourites, he places the movement in its broader context. Focusing on "Landscapes of France", House reveals exactly how they related to the rural images shown at the official Paris Salons during this momentous period.

That is why the first room is dominated by names unfamiliar to anyone apart from experts in late 19th-century French art. The Impressionists themselves are hard to find. Instead, most of these large and often highly finished canvases offer unruffled visions of a countryside oddly impervious to change. Peasants in rustic costumes still wander towards the bare Marseilles hills.

After a while, though, House's selection discloses a more complex picture. Emile Breton's painting of *A Tempest* shows a dark, storm-pummelled terrain, where bent trees threaten to break and smash against solitary cottages. Breton's handling of the turbulent clouds has a vigour far removed from the smooth finish favoured elsewhere.

So the Salon turns out to have harboured a wider range of art than might be supposed. Courbet and Millet, who both did a great deal to transform earlier French painting, are represented here. And, among the traditional exhibits, we find Pissarro and Sisley, who both showed their youthful work at the Salon. Their images are more simplified, and Pissarro's superb view of *Chennevières, on the Banks of the Marne* uses the palette-knife extensively on the sky and the cloud-reflecting water. On the whole, however, their work sits happily with neighbouring canvases.

By the time we enter the sequence of smaller rooms devoted solely to the Impressionists, the whole idea of intemperate revolution seems misplaced. Most of them wanted to gain acclaim at the Salon, and confined their more adventurous impulses to smaller works aimed at private collectors. Hence the modesty of the landscapes assembled here. They seem almost miniature compared with the monumental Salon set-pieces, and their overall mood is placid.

Berthe Morisot, a lesser-known Impressionist who stands out here, paints *The Harbour of Lorient* as a peaceful preserve. Only gradually do we realise how deceptive this unassuming picture really is. Morisot juxtaposes the calm of Lorient with an elegantly dressed lady, sitting in the foreground like a paragon of Paris fashion. She seems to have escaped from the metropolis for a day, perhaps on the railway which was rapidly making rural France more accessible for city-dwellers.

Monet makes the point more overtly. In one marvellous canvas, he devotes most of the picture-space to a sunlit park where figures drift under parasols. But the pastoral mood is challenged by a distant train. Smoke pours into the formerly unpolluted sky, and each crammed carriage is ready to unleash its passengers on the unsuspecting countryside.

Even so, there is nothing polemical about Monet's picture. The train does not threaten the landscape, and in other paintings he savours the inviolate pleasures of the rural scene. *The Sheltered Path* is an irresistible image. A single figure wanders out into a locale pulsating with light and heat. By 1873, Monet had developed the broken touch and darting, heightened colour-play which enabled him to convey the shimmering richness of the places he favoured. Another artist might have made the sole wanderer a melancholy presence, but Monet sees him as an embodiment of one man's ability to revel in a quiet rapport with the natural world.

The Impressionists, then, did not depart very radically from the Salon's affirmation of rural pleasures. But their handling of paint, so alive to seasonal flux and intoxicating outdoor freshness, is a tonic after the heaviness of Salon-approved art. So is their open response to even the most everyday subject. Nothing, it seems, was too humble for the Impressionists' avid attention.

Pissarro pauses by the River Oise at Pontoise, showing how factories had just sprung up on its formerly pristine banks. Here *Chalon et Cie* distilled sugar beet into industrial and commercial alcohol, using tall chimneys to push ominously dark smoke into an otherwise luminous sky. Pissarro, more politically engaged than most of his friends, leaves no doubt about the transformation of this once-verdant scene.

But most Impressionist landscapes avoided such disruptive subjects. Even when they turned their attention to snow scenes, thoughts of desolation never invaded the mood of winter enchantment. The whiteness that Monet discovered near his home in the town of Argenteuil becomes a source of wonder. The silhouetted pedestrians, cosseted by their umbrellas, walk through a scene made magical by the artist's deft orchestration of blue, pink and orange. Defined with crisp economy, which suggests how indebted Monet was to Japanese prints, the snow-scene intensifies the purifying force of the Impressionist vision.

The Salon grew more intolerant during the 1870s, in a political climate affected by the trauma of the Paris Commune. So the Impressionists were obliged to stiffen their resistance to conservatism and band together, organising group shows which quickly identified them as a rebel movement. Hostility intensified over their supposed lack of finish, "banal" subjects and audacious colours.

The clash between hardening conservatism and the desire for change gave the Impressionists a tougher edge, nowhere more bracingly than in Manet's abrasive painting of the Rue Mosnier. Decked out with patriotic flags for the *fête nationale* in 1878, this quiet street near Manet's Paris studio looks at first like a celebration of sunlight. But then we notice the one-legged man hobbling in the foreground, a brusquely defined figure pushed out into the road. He offers a startling reminder of a more combative reality, and the emptiness of the raw, brilliantly-lit street reinforces his social isolation.

For me, Manet's painting offers the most powerful experience in the show. But its urban tensions are far removed from the pursuit of landscape at the end of the exhibition. Now, in the 1880s, the Impressionists broke ranks. They lost their interest in contemporary subjects and tried to invest their work with greater solidity.

The most telling moment occurs in the room where Monet's elaborate painting of Lavacourt is hung among the kind of canvases that might have accompanied it at the 1880 Salon. It does not look at all out of place. The Impressionist vision was becoming part of the mainstream — even as the obstinate Cézanne explored another direction, austere and probing enough to play a central role in the further revolutions of art.

● *Landscapes of France: Impressionist and its Rivals is at the Hayward Gallery (0171-928 3144) until Aug 28*



"A single figure wanders out into a locale pulsating with light and heat": detail from *The Sheltered Path* (1873), by the influential Claude Monet

John Russell Taylor on György Gordon's grim and glorious self-portraits

The artist faces up to a life of change

Given that very few visitors to the show devoted to György Gordon at the National Portrait Gallery will have, as he is the first to admit, the faintest idea of who he is, it is remarkable how rapidly they will feel that they know him like an old friend.

The secret, of course, is a tendency to regular self-portraiture. From the earliest self-portrait drawing in the show, dating from 1960, to the latest paintings, from 1993, the face is consistent and unmistakable. At the beginning Gordon suggests a saint out of El Greco, latterly he looks more like an amiable magician. Certainly there is relatively little of sweetness and light at any point. But then, with a history like Gordon's, would one expect it?

Gordon has just turned 70. For the past 39 years he has lived and worked in England. A little elementary arithmetic will disclose that he settled here in 1956, the year of the abortive Hungarian revolution. Before that, Gordon had studied at the Budapest Academy of Fine Arts, painted and drawn in a very conservative manner, and had his diploma picture bought by the state. But overnight everything changed. Early in 1956 his mother died, and the first picture in the show is an intense and expressionistic *head study* of her, painted in the mortuary as the revolution was raging outside.

Speaking no English, Gordon arrived in Britain with his six-year-old daughter and, unsurprisingly, was unable to work for four years, only beginning to paint seriously again once he had settled in Wakefield to teach. The work that then came was quite different from what had gone before: dark-toned, turbulent and violently expressive. Some of the images, like *Refugees* of 1964 and *Crawling, Wounded Torso* of 1969, suggest Soutine, so it is no surprise that in 1988 Gordon painted an *Imaginary Portrait* of Soutine. At that time he had just seen a big Soutine retrospective — but how was he so familiar with Soutine years earlier? "Entirely through reproductions," he says. "But I had always loved what I had seen that way."

Surely the painting of his mother in the morgue is expressionistic in a similar fashion? "I suppose so; but I think that is just how it turned out under the pressure of my emotions at the time," he says. "The same, really, with the earlier English paintings: it was the only way I could work when all the dammed-up emotions of the previous years just had to be expressed. I think the emotion always comes first, and the style somehow takes care of itself."

In the mid-1970s came a considerable stylistic change. Instead of the heavily applied, tortured pigment and the very dark colours, we encounter pearly greys, smoothly rounded shapes, and light instead of dark. In this phase one becomes more conscious, if anything, that Gordon is a painter who happens frequently to paint people, rather than a portrait painter in the normal sense of the term. Gordon says he has no idea how he would handle a formal portrait commission: "I think it would kill the inspiration."



Dark visions from an often turbulent life: a detail from *György Gordon's Self-portrait in Magnifying Mirror*

Many of the most beautiful paintings are of interiors — sparsely inhabited at the NPG, sometimes totally unoccupied and painted for their own sake in the companion show at the Hart Gallery. For all their austerity, the pictures are in fact very sensuous. There is hardly ever a bold colour, but when one does occur, as in *At the Table* (1985), the effect of the tiny vase of flowers is dazzling.

What next? "I have done no painting for the last 18 months, while recovering from a heart attack," Gordon says. "I think I need this kind of punctuation. It helps me to see what I want to do. Now I'm ready to do it."

● *György Gordon's Portraits and Figurative Work 1956-1993 are at the National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, WC2 (0171-306 0055) until June 25*

AROUND THE GALLERIES

AT FIRST glance, Will Maclean looks like one of those primitive ex-seafaring artists who make odds and ends out of scraps of driftwood. In fact, nothing could be further from the truth — except the driftwood bit, since reused wood undoubtedly figures somewhere in the intricate mixtures of medium he goes in for. He is also clearly obsessed with the sea and those who go down to the sea in ships. Everything about the new works in *Voyages* at Art First is layered and intricate, both physically and psychologically. The things in Maclean's works seem to quiver, dissolve and re-form almost as we look at them, assuming now one significance, now another. And there is humour too.
Art First, 9 Cork Street, W1 (0171-734 0386) until June 15

☐ FELIX KELLY at his best is still a mite too close to the chocolate box. However, Partridge's memorial show to Kelly, who died last year at the age of 80, does remind us that there are good chocolate boxes and bad. Kelly's are definitely superior. He began in the Forties as an illustrator of the Neo-Romantic persuasion, and his paintings always remained delicate, fantastical, rather theatrical. Sometimes the effect can be charmingly whimsical; at others the Neo-Romantic legacy distills a slightly sinister magic.
Partridge Fine Arts, 144-146 New Bond Street, W1 (0171-629 0834) until Fri

☐ THROUGHOUT the Forties Michael Ayrton was producing a lot of his best work in painting and stage design. Sculpture he did not take up until the early Fifties. While Ayrton's draughtsmanship is sparklingly brilliant, and his picturesque preoccupation with the darker side of things is distinctive, there are moments when his taste seems fallible and he lurches towards kitsch. Not at the Beaux Arts, however. The later paintings, like *See Town at Night* (1964), are rich and disciplined; and some of the small sculptures are superb.
Beaux Arts, 22 Cork Street, W1 (0171-437 5798) until June 10.

☐ THOUGH Cathy Fenwick was not born until decades after the Berlin of Sally Bowles and Christopher Isherwood, the show of her recent paintings and drawings at East West Gallery suggests she would have found herself very much at home there. Still, she seems to be very much at home also in the London of today, delicious or depressing in its decadence. When she paints the strange old ladies with the painted red masks or the ravaged drinkers or the tarts and the ruts, there is certainly no disapproval implied, nor yet a clear endorsement.
East West Gallery, 8 Blenheim Crescent, W11 (0171-229 7981) until June 3

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Amanda Hillwood as the woman sucked into the sexually decadent world of *Vieux Carré* in Nottingham

THEATRE: A revival of a distinctly weird play by Tennessee Williams

Vacancies in hell's boarding house

Vieux Carré
Nottingham Playhouse

THIS late play by Tennessee Williams received its British premiere at Nottingham in 1978. Sexually provocative and boldly autobiographical, it is a vision of loneliness and dependency in a dilapidated boarding house in New Orleans's Old Quarter. Steven Pimlott's resurrection of the piece, shunning a naturalistic setting, concentrates on *Vieux Carré* as a memory-cum-dream-play.

As the anonymous Writer (Jonathan Cullen) takes us back to the Thirties and 722, Toulouse Street (an address where Williams actually lived), we find ourselves in an impressionistic inner world. Seen initially through misty gauze, the kitchen of the clutchy old landlady Mrs Wire and the bedrooms of the sexually ensnared lodgers blur. Within a darkly charmed circle, vaguely-remembered wrought-iron beds, a stove and a battered sofa shift in uncertain relation to each other between episodic scenes.

The place is a nightmare: batty, witchy Mrs Wire's hellhole. The house is a cylinder of pitch-black air illuminated by beams of white light. A plastic sheet seals off the space at the rear, glistening as if with the rain outside.

Both play and playing have their failings. There are purple patches in the Writer's commentary on his past and the acute poverty of the lodgers could be pushed. True, the characters cover up their desperate states, but it is hard to believe that the "crones", Miss Carrie and Mary Maude, dressed up in chiffon like cockatoos, have been dredging the garbage for food.

The sense of critical exhaustion is also underplayed, the absence of steps to upper storeys taking physical labour out of the set. Nursie, Mrs Wire's old black maid, practically sprints in to announce her retirement. Pat Bowie is winning in the part, singing the blues between scenes, but is surely not ancient enough.

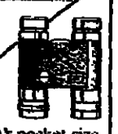
Perhaps this falling-down household could be more disturbingly shaky. However, Cullen is quietly excellent as the young Writer, a grown man with a trace of the grief-stricken child and touches of fledgling camp. Michael Fitzgerald is splendid as the decadent TB-ridden homosexual painter who seduces him, combining care with grotesque predatoriness, absurd mattress manoeuvres with erotic intensity. Attractive to them both, Andrew Woodall is also outstanding as the drug-bleared Tye, animal-like yet lovingly tender with Jane (Amanda Hillwood not yet his match), the better-class young woman who is sexually hooked on him. Strong stuff.

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In Edinburgh, violin prodigy Gil Shaham plays *The Four Seasons* with the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra



■ TONIGHT 2

John Mortimer's affectionate tribute, *A Voyage Round My Father*, comes to the Bath Theatre Royal

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■ OPERA

Muck about with Mozart at your peril: WNO's new *Cosi* plays free and easy, and misses the point



■ CABARET

... of a rather bizarre kind: Dame Gwyneth Jones pays stentorian tribute to a diva of yesteryear

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

ABSOLUTE HELL: Opening night for Rodney Ackland's neglected, state-of-an-odd-nation comedy, set in a drinking club in the summer of 1945 (excellent timing by the NT). Played by a top-class cast headed by Judi Dench and Greg Hicks. Anthony Page directs. **National** (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight, 7pm.

IVO'S BACK: Ivo Pogorelich has long had a reputation as an outrageous bad-boy of classical music who could teach "Nige" Kennedy a thing or two. The Yugoslav pianist returns to the concert stage with a Mussorgsky and Chopin programme so it's a good chance to judge for yourself if his ultra-flamboyant playing is genius or insufferably affected. **Festival Hall**, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 8800). Tonight, 7.30pm

GISELLE: London City Ballet comes to Sadler's Wells for one week only with Galina Samsova's excellent production of this celebrated old romantic ballet. Fiona Chadwick and Roland Price appear as guests but the company's own dancers are fine too, with the flair and confidence of a team which flourishes through audience support. Designs by Peter Farmer. **Sadler's Wells**, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (0171-713 6000). Tonight-Sat, 27, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

ELSEWHERE

BATH: Robert Lang, Lynn Farleigh and Mark Tandy end their tour this week, navigating through John Mortimer's affectionate, dramatic tribute, **A Voyage Around My Father**. Laurence Boswell directs. **Theatre Royal**, Sawclose (01225 448844). Tonight-Wed, 7.30pm; Thurs-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

EDINBURGH: Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, the resident chamber orchestra of New York's Carnegie Hall, makes its Scottish debut with rising star violinist Gil Shaham. The ensemble has had accolades from across America: tonight's programme is devoted to Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*. **Festival**, Nicolson Street (0131-529 6000). Tonight, 7.30pm

LEICESTER: Eddie Izzard makes an intriguing casting as the sorely put-upon hero of Marlowe's **Edward II**. Paul Kerryson directs the classic orgy of power, passion and violence. **Haymarket**, Belgrave Gate (0116-253 9797). Previews tonight and tomorrow, opens Thurs, all at 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat June 3, 3pm. Until June 10.

OXFORD: English Touring Theatre nears the end of a season for its excellent production of **The Importance of Being Earnest**. The formidable Betty Bourne is Lady B. Nicholas Wright directs, with designs by Lucy Hall and music by Jeremy Sams. **Playhouse**, Beaumont Street (01865 798600). Tonight-Thurs and Sat, 7.30pm; Fri, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Allen Jones: Graphic Retrospective (0171-638 4141) ... **British Museum:** Two Panels from the Ceiling of Henry III's Painted Chamber, Palace of Westminster, Room 42 (0171-636 1555) ... **Design Museum:** Frank Lloyd Wright in Chicago (0171-407 6261) ... **National Gallery:** Gombrich on Shadows (0171-839 3321) ... **National Portrait Gallery:** The Road from 1945 (0171-306 0055) ... **Serpentine:** Mark Wallinger (0171-402 6075) ... **Tate:** Turner in Germany; British Sporting Art (0171-887 8000) ... **V&A:** Picturing Plants: A History of Botanical Illustration (0171-938 8500) ... **Whitechapel:** Guillermo Kuitca (0171-522 7888)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
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□ **DESIGN FOR LIVING:** Rachel Weisz, Rupert Graves and Marcus D'Amico in Coward's *ménage à trois* comedy. Sean Mathias's sexual rough and tumble award-winner. **Gielgud**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

◪ **THE DUCHESS OF MALFI:** Juliet Stevenson and Simon Russell Beale in Webster's tragedy of incest, murder and the borderland of the mind. Philip Franks directs Greenwich Theatre's sell-out success. **Wyndhams**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1746). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

◪ **FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE:** The joint is jumping again now that Clarke Peters's celebrated musical has bounced back into the West End. **Albery**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Now previewing, 8pm; opens Wed, 7pm

□ **HARVEY:** Gorden Kaye and Rue (*Golden Girls*) McClanahan in revival of the 1949 Invisible Rabbit play, inevitably billed as a 24 carrot comedy. Clifford Williams directs. **Shaftesbury**, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm

◪ **HOT MIKADO:** Jazz and jitterbug version of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, with Nanki-Poo a trombone player and Yum-Yum a doo-wah singer. Smash hit musical direct from Washington DC. **Queen's**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5044). Now previewing, 8pm, opens tomorrow, 7pm

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■ **REAL WRITING:** Kika Markham plays Anna Akhmatova and Kate Buffery the fellow writer who devoted herself to her friend's genius. Maureen Lawrence's play, directed by Corin Redgrave. **Riverside Studio 3**, Crisp Road, W6 (0181-741 2255). Opens tonight, 7.45pm. Then Tue-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sun, 4.15pm. Until June 17.

◪ **A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE:** David Thacker's acclaimed production, with Bernard Hill superb as the NY longshoreman consumed by unspeakable love for his niece. **Strand**, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-930 8800). Tue-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, 2pm; Sat and Sun, 3pm.

□ **THE WIVES' EXCUSE:** Thomas Southerne's 1691 comedy where an injured wife resists revenge against her oafish husband. Clive Wood and Lesley Manville excellent as a pair of lechers but the work is a minor rediscovery. **Pit**, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm.

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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **DON JUAN DEMARCO (15):** Refreshing and quirky romantic fantasy about a man who thinks himself to be Don Juan. With Johnny Depp, Marlon Brando and Faye Dunaway; written and directed by Jeremy Leven. **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (0171-727 6705) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

ROB ROY (15): Lavish but fusty epic, with Liam Neeson as the Scottish folk hero and Tim Roth heading the baddies. Michael Caton-Jones directs, with Jessica Lange, John Hurt and Brian Cox. **Odeon Leicester Sq** (01426-915 683)

◆ **STREET FIGHTER (12):** Mindless action thrills, from the popular video game, with Jean-Claude Van Damme and the late Raul Julia. Director, Steven E. de Souza. **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

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◆ **BULLETS OVER BROADWAY (15):** Diverting Woody Allen comedy set in New York's theatre world of the 1920s. With John Cusack, Chazz Palminteri, Dianne Wiest. **Barbican** (0171-638 8891) **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **Gate** (0171-727 4043) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **Screen/Hill** (0171-435 3366)

◆ **CIRCLE OF FRIENDS (15):** Adventures of three Irish girls in the 1950s. Highly conventional, slightly charming, with Minnie Driver and Chris O'Donnell. Pat O'Connor directs, from Maeve Binchy's novel. **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

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OPERA: Over-jocular Mozart in Wales; and a rare Bertoni in Monte Carlo



Confused in Cardiff: Neill Archer, Nathan Berg, Alwyn Mellor and Ann Taylor-Morley in WNO's *Cosi fan tutte*

Play's not the whole thing

Cosi fan tutte
New Theatre, Cardiff

Present fashion dictates that *Cosi* can be set in any time but Mozart's own 18th century. Bring on a Mediterranean cruise liner, a UN peacekeeping force or just a village of simple Neapolitan fisherfolk. But on no account have a silvery wig in sight.

The beginning of Welsh National Opera's *Cosi* suggested Tim Hopkins was going to blow a raspberry in the face of this convention. Ferrando and Guglielmo enter in suits — but of armour, not Armani. Breastplates gleaming and swords raised, they make their fidelity wager. Gentle fun is made about *opera seria*, with arias posed against Anthony Baker's azure seascape. But contemporary joking soon takes over. The chorus arrives in battledress for the "farewell" to the officers, the men carrying revolvers and the women holding up target cards with hearts rather than bull's eyes at the centre.

In Act II it is time to have a go at Viennese operetta. The chorus, now in evening dress on a half-stage with a blood red curtain, toss stardust into the air and bring out a cardboard moon. It is all play-acting, don't you see? The trouble is that in Mozart it is not. Hopkins fatally misses the moments when the game is suddenly played in earnest.

There are some pertinent inventions, especially in Act II. Guglielmo, under the stage boards, angrily eavesdrops on Ferrando's wooing of Fiordiligi. That buttoned-up lady is literally unlaced during Dorabella's aria, suggesting a fling is sometimes good for the system. But the overall touch is uncertain in a staging that has grown from an original sent out on the road with WNO's small-scale touring company.

Fortunately there is an outstanding Fiordiligi in Alwyn Mellor, who has all the makings of a top-class Mozart dramatic soprano, even a Donna Anna. *Per pietà* (the opera is sung in Italian) was exceptional, taken very slowly with Mellor showing far more assurance than the accompanying soloists in the orchestra. Ann Taylor-Morley's Dorabella was well matched, vivacious and impulsive against Fiordiligi's chill poise.

Peter Sidhom's Alfonso, too, is along the right lines, a thoughtful and clearly delivered characterisation with cynicism lapsing into irritation at moments of crisis. Bald and bearded, constantly observing, he is a ringer for our own Clement Freud on the trail of a piece of sporting skulduggery. Gail Pearson's Despina has less class and is ultimately tiresome, with her arms constantly flailing about like some whirling dervish the "Albanians" might have brought over with them.

Nathan Berg as Guglielmo was the better of those two gentleman, with weight to his baritone if not much charm, and Kevin Costner good looks. Neill Archer, familar from the ENO *Cosi*, had an off-night with too much dust in his tenor. Carlo Rizzi kept the ensembles taut, using plenty of attack, but he does not have the touch with *Cosi* that he brings to Rossini. Perhaps the whole thing could do with a silvery wig after all.

JOHN HIGGINS

The singers fight back

Orfeo
Monte Carlo

THE last trace of civilisation in Monte Carlo before a million visitors move in for the Grand Prix is the Printemps des Arts. Long before the festival is over, in fact, crash barriers line the streets. In such surroundings a production of an opera first performed in Venice in 1776, and little seen or heard until it was revived in Padua four years ago, seems particularly precious, in both senses of the word. But while it is not quite Formula One in operatic terms, Ferdinando Bertoni's *Orfeo* is uncommonly interesting.

Written for Gaetano Guadagni, Gluck's first Orfeo, it is the singers' answer to reformed opera, offering a succession of shamelessly decorative display arias for Orfeo and one or two for Euridice and Imeneo as well. It does it so effectively that it was customary until quite recently — Marilyn Horne insisted on it — for singers to violate the chastity of Gluck's *Orfeo* by inserting Bertoni arias.

If Gluck could have known about that he would surely have found it painfully ironic. For here was a composer who indulged singers in the technical excesses that he so deplored. What is more, by reducing the role of chorus and ballet, Bertoni gets through in half the time.

Pier Luigi Pizzi's production at Monte Carlo dispenses with intervals and, with a characteristically well-engineered design of sliding panels, moves from one solid-looking classical scene to another with the minimum of fuss. It is so dramatically paced and so brilliantly costumed that the faults in construction and the lack of characterisation are scarcely noticeable.

As a composer who, like Mozart, had studied with Padre Martini and had spent time in Vienna, Bertoni is an accomplished and by no means exclusively Venetian stylist. His setting of *Che farò* could almost be an early Mozart aria. His orchestration — performed here by I Solisti Veneti under the affectionate direction of Claudio Scimone — though largely conventional, has some inspired colouring from time to time.

But where Bertoni excels is in writing the wide-ranging virtuoso arias that Guadagni, the most famous castrato of his day, so much enjoyed. It would be an exaggeration to say that the French mezzo Martine Dupuy actually enjoys them but, except where she has to double-declutch to get into the bottom register, she delivers them with much agility and compelling authority.

GERALD LARNER

OPERA CABARET

One diva evokes another

Oh Malvina!
Freemasons' Hall

THERE is perhaps only one thing more boring than the lives of opera singers, and that is the intemperate adulation paid to these humble servants of art. Writer and critic Klaus Geitel has certainly been stung by the spell. In the wake of his Berlin Festival programme, *Cast(r)a Diva* (for the alto Jochen Kowalski), he has devised a celebration of the life of Wagner's first Isolde, Malvina Schnorr von Carolsfeld. For the grand finale of the Covent Garden Festival, the Freemasons' Hall was packed with worshippers at the shrine of both Malvina herself and — if Geitel's allusions are anything to go by — her latterday reincarnation, Dame Gwyneth Jones.

Malvina, so we are told, has been cheated of immortality. In her youth she lived in the shadow of her husband Ludwig, a Tristan 12 years younger and 17 stone heavier than she, who died prematurely just after the premiere of *Tristan*. In her old age, she warbled Carl Loewe ballads in her old people's home where she stayed until her seances frightened the old ladies.

The first half of the evening was as gloomy as poor Malvina's life. Caught between the strain of trying to hear a single word, mumbled and swallowed by narrator Christopher Lee, and being blasted by Dame Gwyneth warming up on *Ocean, thou mighty monster*, Senta and Isolde, I drifted on the currents of Geitel's gently discursive and drily witty narrative, picking up phrases like "hers was not the voice of an angel" and "a woman in the true Wagnerian sense of the word".

Malvina's life came into focus after the interval. Dame Gwyneth's voice did the same, and Lee was given a microphone. Ronald Schneider accompanied with unflagging zeal on a clangorous Yamaha. The dream song from Wagner's *Wesendonk Lieder* was welcome balm: Ludwig Schnorr died; Ludwig the King evicted Malvina for poking her nose into the Wagner/Cosima relationship.

Malvina shamed the King into letting her stay on in Bavaria; she taught a future Parsifal (cue for a Kundry song); became ever more tangled in spiritualism; and met her *Liebestod* — beautifully celebrated by Dame Gwyneth — in 1904 at the age of 79. May she rest in peace.

HILARY FINCH

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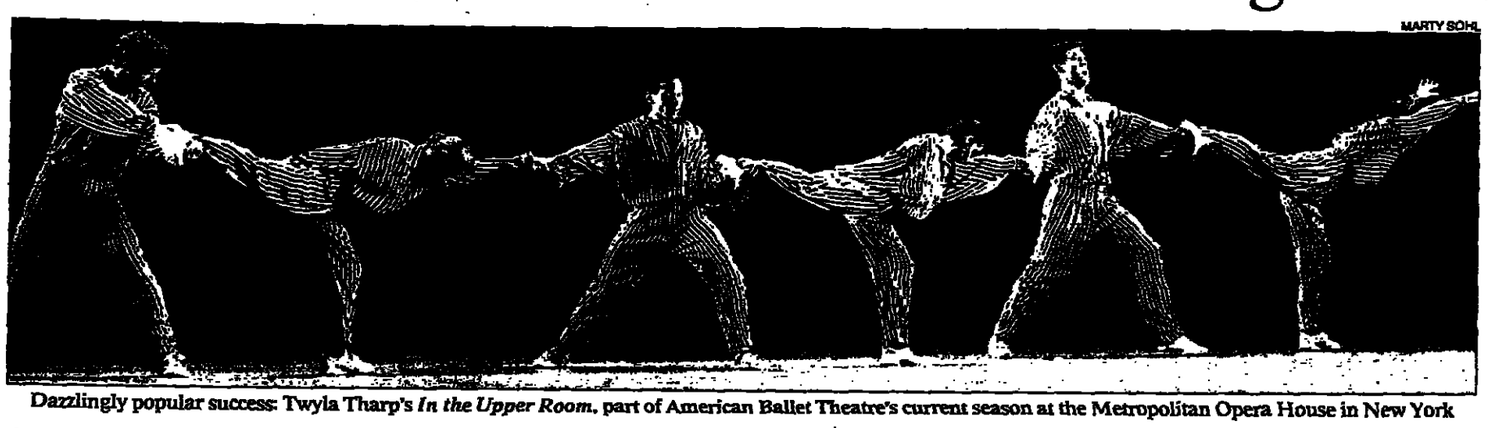
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MARTY SOHL

Dazzlingly popular success: Twyla Tharp's *In the Upper Room*, part of American Ballet Theatre's current season at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York

Anthony Dowell's announcement that Twyla Tharp is to feature at Covent Garden next season brings America's foremost ballet choreographer to Britain in an unusually high-profile manner: a programme devoted solely to her work. Such exclusivity for a dancemaker who hasn't worked at Covent Garden before is exciting — and risky. No wonder Dowell was in New York recently to see American Ballet Theatre hand over an entire evening at the Metropolitan Opera House to Tharp's latest creations.

Dowell, the Royal Ballet's artistic director, has invited Tharp to London to produce something new for his company, as well as to mount some of her existing work. For ABT's current season she has made three pieces, two of which received their world premiere at the Met's Spring Gala (the third, *How Near Heaven*, was premiered by the company in Washington in March). The dazzlingly popular *In the Upper Room*, which entered ABT's rep in 1988 (and which must be high on Covent Garden's list of possible acquisitions), is also part of the New York season.

ABT has had a long association with the feisty choreographer, going back almost 20 years to *Push Comes to Shove*, the ballet she made for Mikhail Baryshnikov which became a landmark in the history of modern dance-classical ballet crossover. Tharp, who at one point in the Eighties was ABT's artistic associate, has remained allied to the company in varying degrees ever since, although this season — which coincides with her thirtieth year as a choreographer — celebrates her entry back into the ABT fold after five years in the wilderness. Having her back at the invitation of Kevin McKenzie, a director eager to re-establish ABT's artistic credentials, has given the company a much-needed psychological boost.

Tharp is at her best when delivering steps at the same speed she delivers her words — which is very fast indeed. That tumbling self-assurance was cheerily evinced in *Americans We*, a set of eight dances performed to a suite of 19th-century American favourites (Stephen Foster, Henry Fillmore). With a vocabulary of snappy punctuated rhythms and a generous helping of "look at me now" turns, the choreography sums up the big country optimism of pioneer Americans, from the romantic vision of *Jeanie With the Light Brown Hair* to the cowboy pizzazz of *Circus Bee*, *Rolling Thunder*.

Tharp cocks a snoot at traditional ballet, metaphorically winking at its rigid aesthetic rules but always respecting the flexibility it allows her as a constructor of steps, and the handsome polish it affords her interpreters. The dancers of ABT, led in *Americans We* by the supersonic Johan Renvall, are supremely confident exponents of Tharp's dance language, a style that constantly stretches the boundaries of their physical limitations.

If Tharp has a weakness as a choreographer it is that grammatical structuring does not come naturally to her. This makes something like *How Near Heaven* a tricky proposition. Benjamin Britten's mysterious music (Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge) is a difficult journey to follow in movement terms and the choreography drifts when Tharp forgets the need for logical progression, even in an abstract work such as this. But in a piece that is uncharacteristically formal (suggesting themes of death and afterlife), Tharp can still make her dancers — like the effulgent Susan Jaffe — look beautiful.

The glamour of ballet is important to Tharp. She is an unashamed fashion groupie, using trendy catwalk designers to outfit her dancers whenever she can afford to. So Gianni Versace provided the elegantly simple frocks for *How Near Heaven*: Isaac Mizrahi devised the brightly coloured street gear for *Jump Start*, the programme's effervescent closer.

The collaboration between Tharp and the jazz trumpeter Wynton Marsalis, in *Jump Start*, brought together two American artists of elan and energy. The roaring Marsalis score, played by the composer and his orchestra, worked up a storm of mellow rhythms and brassy screams of delight, while Tharp replied with a space-hungry, jitterbugging chorus of approval.

Although not among her most original efforts, the lazy, erotic indulgences of *Jump Start* slid glibly into travelling hip-driven thrusts that engulfed the black tie audience in a calculated rush of euphoria. As audiences at American Ballet Theatre well know, Twyla Tharp in full flight is a formidable and exhilarating sight. Covent Garden audiences will see for themselves in December.

ANTHONY CRICKMAY

The whole world at their feet

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The Rambert Dance Company in Christopher Bruce's Meeting Point, Britain's contribution to the UN festival

Bring a new work by a choreographer of your own country. That was how Helgi Tomasson, director of the San Francisco Ballet, invited companies from 12 countries to take part in a dance festival celebrating 50 years of the United Nations, and held in the War Memorial Opera House, next door to where the UN Charter was signed.

"I wanted to see what's happening round the world," Tomasson said. "The festival is a way of acknowledging our differences and celebrating our similarities." Similarities showed in the high quality of the dancing and the fact that performers from five continents could share training sessions. Differences revealed themselves in the expectations, abilities and intentions of the choreographers.

If this had been a competition, the winners would surely have been Rambert Dance Company with Christopher Bruce's *Meeting Point*, the home team with Mark Morris's *Pacific*, and the Australian Ballet with Stanton Welch's *Corroboree*. At the other extreme, some entries seemed, disappointingly, to be trapped in the past.

Russia and China, for instance, offered old-fashioned story ballets told in an outworn way. Sergei Bobrov, from the Bolshoi, proved in *Infanta and the Jester* that stylised sub-Grigorovich dances and heavy-handed symbolism are no way to adapt Oscar Wilde's story. Still, he showed enterprise in choosing Schnittke's Concerto Grosso No 1 for his score (almost all choreographers picked music by compatriots).

Ben Hong Chen's music for the Shanghai Ballet's *Peach Blossom Pond*, however, was on a film soundtrack level, reminding us that Yang Yang Lin's ballet (a mixture of true love, lust, death and magic survival) resembled nothing more than one of the propaganda works of Madame Mao's period.

But such pieces are not really more outmoded than Anna Laerkesen's genteel, conventional — although playful — duet, *Partita*, set to Bach piano pieces, brilliantly though it was danced by the wonderfully expressive Silja Schandorff and tall, dashing Kenneth Greve (who can be seen with the Royal Danish Ballet at Covent Garden in September). Nor are they more corny than Vicente Nebrada's brash, exhibitionistic *Fever* for the National Ballet of Caracas: torrid duets and violent male solos to torch songs by La Lupe.

Kindness must draw a veil over Alicia Alonso's appearance together with succeeding generations from her Cuban National Ballet: better to remember that she was already a great ballerina when the UN Charter was signed. And to analyse in detail contributions from Germany, Italy, Japan and The Netherlands would be unprofitable.

Three of their choreographers (Aterballetto's Amedeo Amodio, Jun Ishii of Tokyo Festival Ballet, and Leipzig's Uwe Scholz) admitted to ambitious philosophical intentions, but the results were no less abstract than Ted Brandsen's *Blue Field* for Dutch National Ballet, to another Schnittke Concerto Grosso. Personally, I found more interest in John Alleyne's *Can You Believe She Actually Said?* for Ballet British Columbia: a Forsythean mixture of very correct and extremely casual dancing to snippets of Mozart.

Simply to assemble so much new work from around the world was an impressive, worthwhile tribute to international co-operation: all on a budget of less than £600,000, more than four-fifths recouped by ticket sales. To achieve, among this, three real hits was a rewarding bonus.

The Australian Ballet's *Corroboree*, named after traditional native dance celebrations, benefits vastly from John Antill's music, first played in 1946. Its hypnotic rhythms derive from his Aborigine studies, with powerful percussion and unusual treatment of other instruments. Kenneth Rowell's brooding backcloth, horizontal patterns of mostly sombre colours, likewise draws on native Australian art.

Stanton Welch's choreography claims no ethnic authenticity. The women's deep knee bends on pointe, the men's forceful leaps, build to a climax recalling Stravinsky's *Sacre*. The impressive cast, led by Steven Heathcote and Miranda Coney, makes a bold theatrical impact, reinforced by Aborigine-style painting of white and black patterns on much bare flesh.

Hints of a tribal ritual appear also in Mark Morris's *Pacific* for the San Francisco Ballet, but no more than in *Grand Duo*, which his own company has toured in Britain. Both use music by Lou Harrison, this time the last two movements from his trio for violin, cello and piano.

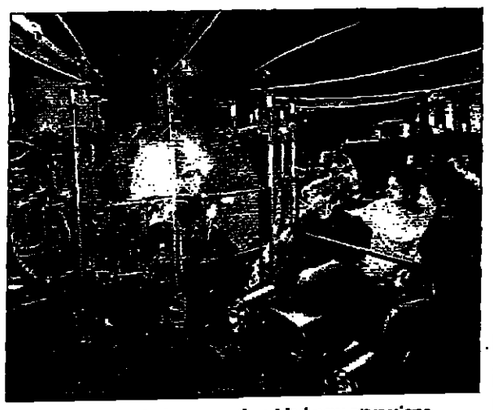
Harrison's music seems to bring out the best in Morris: clear, incisive entries for small groups or soloists; swift, bold movement across the stage; occasional mysterious confrontations, and a solemn ending as the whole cast reach out to the great blue expanse of the future. If, as hoped, SFB comes to next year's Edinburgh Festival, *Pacific* should make the journey.

Edinburgh will anyway see next month's British premiere of *Meeting Point*, Christopher Bruce's creation for Rambert. Michael Nyman's saxophone concerto *Where the Bee Dances* makes a suitably formal accelerating basis for a dance that progresses from clever hand patterns — greeting, threatening, mocking — through social adventures and misadventures to a finale uniting the whole cast.

Characteristically, Bruce was the only choreographer to refer directly to the festival's *raison d'être*, that conference 50 years ago which, in spite of problems then and since, has helped to keep peace among nations. Some neat allusions to Jooss's morality ballet *The Green Table* underline the point that even difficult relationships are better than none, but Bruce's message is clear enough for any spectator to follow while being exhilarated by 12 fine dancers on jubilant form.

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JAZZ: **Chris Parker** savours masters at work — and Frith Street's finest

Old standards raised afresh

THE easiest way to locate the music played by **Riley/Castronari/Marsh** is to note that they take as their starting point the place where most jazz piano trios leave off. Teasing fresh meaning out of the familiar chord sequences of standards — the place in question — does constitute a vital part of their music, but the bulk is, in pianist Howard Riley's words, "very spontaneous, very democratic".

During the course of this typically informal but always intense Jazz Rumours gig at the Vortex, the trio — Mario Castronari (bass) and Tony Marsh (drums) along with Riley — played two such standards, Jerome Kern's *Yesterdays* and Ralph Rainger's *I Wished on the Moon*. The approach with regard to both was conventional enough but, harmonically and rhythmically, the trio stretched each song's chord sequence as far as it could go.

The trio demonstrated not only breathtaking individual virtuosity — Marsh's exquisitely expressive drumming an object lesson in dynamic control, and Castronari thoughtfully propulsive but full-bodied throughout — but also the subtle yet wonderfully lively cohesiveness that has led to their being hailed by one critic as "masters at work".

Russian-born trumpeter Valery **Ponamarev** named his early-1980s US band Universal Language, but the name would have been just as appropriate for the quintet assembled for his week at Ronnie Scott's. Hard bop was the Esperanto in question; Ponamarev has spent his life achieving fluency in the idiom since his exposure as a teenager in Moscow to legendary trumpeter Clifford Brown, and his UK sidemen, Mutatis Mutandis, have clearly undergone a similar process.

Beginning with an archetypal hard-bop theme, the bright, brisk original *Valery's Changes*, Ponamarev laid out all his wares from the off. His is, in the main, a fierce, brassy, no-nonsense approach, and it is particularly effective on such up-tempo tunes with tricksy heads and free-flowing changes.

Ponamarev, of course, rose to fame in the jazz world through his association with the doyen of hard bop, Art Blakey, whose Jazz Messengers provided the perfect setting for his crackling tone after the Russian's defection to the West in the 1970s. For his frontline partner on this engagement, it was no surprise to find that he had secured the services of another ex-Messenger, tenor saxophonist Jean Toussaint, who proved a highly effective foil for the leader. The rhythm section — pianist Steve Melling, bassist Arnie Somogyi and drummer Clark Tracey — performed faultlessly.

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Play up, play on — and win

Stephen Townley, the name partner of London's leading sports law firm, is in South Africa this week for the Rugby World Cup. Is it business or pleasure? Like most sports lawyers, Mr Townley would say business is pleasure because, although the Corinthian spirit may have died among players, it still thrives among sports lawyers. The very people whom most supporters would accuse of being the "suits" responsible for commercialising the game often retain a touching idealism about the moral and social role of sport.

Catherine Bond, who leads the sports team at Eversheds *Jaques & Lewis*, is a cricket enthusiast and fan of Coventry City — "the best team in the world", she says. François de Zeditwitz, of Townleys, is devoted to sport and declares that he could practise no other form of law. Mel Stein, of Finers, and Paul Gascoigne's lawyer since his days at Tottenham Hotspur; turns out for Sunday morning games in the park. Barry Weatherill, of Wedlake Bell, has been a sports enthusiast all his life. And the in-house legal team at the International Marketing Group (IMG), which represents many sports bodies as well as individual sports stars, is made up of Oxford Blues who trained with leading City practices before opting to follow their passion.

Away from the sentiment, however, the profile, popularity and profitability of sport have combined to create increasingly complex legal issues. "Britain may have played a formative role 100 years ago in the development of sporting regulatory bodies," Mr Townley says, "but nowadays it is commercial, not administrative, pressures that drive sport, which is why commercial lawyers are most in demand."

Another prime force in sport is broadcasting. Many sports specialists spend most of their time in securing the best deals for their clients, the governing body.

"The sport business is largely concerned with selling intangible rights," says Brian Mark, former managing partner at Nabarro Nathanson, and now IMG's director of European legal affairs. "Our job is to be the production line within the company. We produce the legal rights which are then sold."

Often, these deals can be many-sided. Last Saturday's TV coverage of the FA Cup Final, for example, was the result of teamwork between lawyers from Memery Crystal, Freshfields, as well as the IMG lawyers, who focused on the broadcasting issues. The venue, the Football Association, the sponsors and the broadcasters all had to be involved.

Is this a matter of lawyer overload? If a young sport is to grow, it needs financial backing. That means television coverage, which boosts participation, as well as improving the chances of commercial sponsorship, but will inevitably involve legal complications.

Despite the rise of sports lawyers, however, there is no such thing as sports law. Instead, a sports practice will simply encapsulate in miniature virtually all forms of mainstream law — from private client, personal injury and criminal through to standard commercial transactions — and put them in a sporting context.

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Mel Stein: Gazza's lawyer and a Sunday morning footballer

Edward Grayson, of the chambers of Edmund Lawson, QC, at 4 Paper Buildings, Temple, is widely regarded as the doyen of the Bar in sports matters. With three books behind him, including the authoritative *Sports and the Law* (published by Butterworths), he has an almost unrivalled claim to sporting expertise.

He is doubtful, however, whether one should use the term "sports law" at all. Rather, it is the other way round. He says: "Sports people must realise that the jurisdiction of the law does not end at the touchline."

Mr Grayson is finding that an increasing number of criminal and personal injury cases are coming to him straight from the sports field.

"I recently won £150,000 for a third-team rugby player who lost an eye in a lineout," he says. "The victim did not know who had injured him and the police could not find out. We ended up at the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, which made the award. This was mainstream law, but applied in a sporting context."

Only in regulatory work do sports lawyers enter territory unique to their field. Though governing bodies are not subject to judicial review, they have to be able to show that they are following their own rules, are behaving reasonably and are not in breach of natural justice.

Yet all too often it seems that governing bodies are inclined to act in what Mr Grayson calls "a patrician manner". As a result, a punishment might not fit a crime; or there may be a breach of the regulations.

That happened last year, before lawyers from Herbert Smith managed to get Spurs reinstated in the FA Cup. At that stage, everyone thought fate would make it Tottenham's year. It turned out not to be the case. Booted out of the Cup in the semi-final, they then lost the popular German Jürgen Klinsmann, who dribbled neatly away through the get-out clause of his two-year contract.

A fair hearing for pupil barristers

Trainee barristers are required to undergo 12 months of pupillage being instructed by a more senior barrister in the arts of advocacy, pleading, and coping with difficult solicitors, clients and judges. During the second six months, pupils may begin to take cases in their own right.

Mr Pickwick was told "what fine places of slow torture" barristers' chambers are for the young lawyer: "the waiting — the hope — the disappointment — the fear — the misery — the poverty". If they survive the experience, pupils will be considered for a seat in chambers, and a chance to make their own mistakes, and earn a living.

Pupillage remains an inefficient means of apprenticeship, especially when busy pupilmasters rarely have the time, even if they have the ability, to provide competent tuition to those in their charge. In some chambers, little has changed since the middle of the 19th century when James Stephen (later a distinguished criminal law authority) was the pupil of the leading junior on the Midland Circuit, "but on the distinct understanding that he was to receive no instruction from his tutor".



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Last week, proposals for the first clearing-house scheme for students seeking pupillages at the Bar were published. They have been produced by a Bar Council steering group, set up in February. It was charged with developing proposals for a voluntary scheme of co-operation between chambers. The proposals deserve the support of all members of the Bar.

Whatever the merits and defects of pupillage, so long as it remains the system for training barristers the Bar has a duty to operate efficient and fair procedures for choosing who may be allowed through this door into the profession. The rights and responsibilities of the Bar as the provider of important legal services to the community create a strong public interest in the way we select between the large numbers of aspiring barristers.

Students may complain, though rarely nowadays with justification, that the criteria for selection in some chambers are unfair because success depends on whom you know rather than what you know. More alarming allegations of abuse of power, though without much substantiating evidence, were made earlier this month by Barbara Hewson, the chairwoman of the Association of Women Barristers, who suggested that "a number of students were promised pupillages in return for sexual favours".

But the main cause of student dissatisfaction with the existing regime for pupillage allocation is a more prosaic concern about the absence of any coherent system for dealing with applications. There are no common procedures or common timetables for applications to chambers. A student must apply separately to each chambers in which he or she has an interest. The young lawyer may be told by one chambers that an application is too early, by another that an application is too late. Chambers may be unsure whether to offer a pupillage because an application may come later from a more promising candidate. A student to whom an offer is made may be concerned that a better, rival offer may come along. All of this is bewildering and stressful for students, inefficient for barristers, and incompatible with any sensible allocation of scarce and valuable resources.

The steering group suggests a voluntary scheme which will mirror the university admissions and clearing-house scheme. There would be a single application form, a uniform timetable for pupillage applications, interviews and offers; the first round of selection would be followed by a pool system for candidates unsuccessful in the first round; a limit would be placed on the number of chambers to which students could apply; a central office would administer the scheme. Interviewing and selection criteria would be unaffected, and would remain a matter for each set of chambers, but offers to candidates would be made at the same time. Students would have to decide which offer to accept and which to reject.

By introducing a standard procedure, the proposed scheme would assist the student to make an application which is most likely to receive the consideration which his or her merits and interests deserve. The scheme would also reduce the burden of administration on busy barristers, and help chambers to make informed choices between candidates.

This voluntary scheme will fail if some chambers remain aloof in the selfish belief that they can gain an advantage over their rivals by seeking to make later, and better, offers to the best candidates. All barristers' chambers should now indicate that although they may wish to amend the details of the proposal, they support the principle.

As the consultative paper persuasively contends, if Oxford and Cambridge colleges can join together to operate an efficient selection procedure without diminishing their individual merits, barristers' chambers have nothing to fear. It will remain true that many are called to the Bar, but few are chosen for pupillages. However, the worst aspects of the process would cease to resemble the National Lottery.

● *The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.*

Get your own lawyer

THE Automobile Association is dropping its free representation service from April 1996. Demand, usually for pleas in mitigation for drink-driving and speeding offences, has dropped from 30,000 cases in 1950 to 4,500 today. The AA is replacing automatic entitlement to a lawyer with a fighting fund of £100,000 for deserving cases.

Rayner Peett, an AA official, says a survey of members showed that "the vast majority did not want their subscription money used to support motorists who were clearly guilty of motoring offences that were antisocial or irresponsible".

Will help

SEVEN solicitors' firms have raised £5,000 for Action Research, the medical charity, by writing clients' wills free in return for a donation. Action Research organisers are now calling on other law practices, preferably where they know a solicitor personally, with the aim of bringing one firm in every British county into the scheme.

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Video court

ADDICTS of televised trials from America may get a homegrown trial as good as any soporific. The Maxwell trials will soon be captured on CD-Rom and on video. The trial of the Maxwell brothers starts on May 31, and will employ the latest courtroom technology, supplied by Legal Technologies Inc and appropriately named "Showcase".

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Judges: Oxbridge origins

Out of court

FEWER than one in ten people want to settle their disputes in court, according to a new survey published last week. The survey, conducted by BBC's *Law in Action* and the National Consumer Council, found that 75 per cent of people thought the system too slow, complex, too easy to twist and too daunting. They would prefer alternative ways of resolving their differences.

Only 13 per cent found it easy to understand and one in four agreed it was well run and usually "gets it right".

The survey found that far from wanting more court services, more than half the people questioned would prefer to "sit around a table with an independent expert who helps them to reach an agreement between themselves". Another 23 per cent wanted the expert to make the decision; and only 8 per cent wanted a "full trial in court".

Right choice

SAUL Lehrfreund, a human rights executive in London's Simons Muirhead & Burton, has been awarded the International Bar Association's Bernard Simons Memorial Award for his work in Caribbean death row cases.

John Clitheroe, of Kingsley Napley, was one of the judges. "It may seem strange that the first recipient is a member of Bernie's old set," he says. "But of all the candidates from around the world, he was outstanding."

● *A seminar on The Hague War Crimes Tribunal take place at the Inns of Court School of Law, on Thursday at 6.30pm, organised by the Bar human rights committee. Allan Heyman, QC, and Geoffrey Robertson, QC, are due to speak.*

Oxbridge judges

OXFORD and Cambridge retain their grip on the judiciary. Figures from the Lord Chancellor's Department show that 80 per cent of Lords of Appeal, heads of division, Lords Justices of Appeal and High Court judges were educated at the two universities. More than 50 per cent of middle-ranking circuit judges went there, too.

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Lawyers can be lovable

Frances Gibb reports on National Law Week, a chance for the profession to showcase its true talents

More than 1,500 lawyers will don tracksuits this week for a three-and-a-half-mile run through the City organised by the law firm Wilde Sapte. Hundreds of others are throwing open their doors to offer free legal advice or going to schools to explain the law and legal rights to young people. Yet more will abseil, go-kart, donate blood or go on the stage to raise funds for charity.

The activities are part of National Law Week, the largest public-awareness campaign launched by the Law Society of England and Wales, the professional body for 65,000 solicitors.

Sue Stapely, whose idea it was, says: "The point is to celebrate the vital role that lawyers play in their communities — to show the positive side of the legal profession and to have some fun at the same time."

The venture is well-timed. The solicitors' profession needs good publicity: recent media coverage has concentrated on upheavals within the profession's governing body and its forthcoming elections, sexual harassment and legal aid abuse.

Research, however, has found that the public image of the greedy, unscrupulous lawyer is at odds with people's own experiences: solicitors are for the most part highly rated by their clients, and people are generally pleased with the service they receive from a law firm. "It is perfectly clear that people are well served by their solicitors," Ms Stapely says.

The daily life of the average solicitor tends not to be newsworthy; nor the charity work that many do on the side. National Law Week aims to underline both. Charles Elly, the president of the Law Society, says: "We are celebrating the work of thousands of solicitors up and down the country who ensure that people have access to justice." The week is a chance, he adds, "for people to learn about the law in an easy and accessible way."



The conquest of Ben Nevis by lawyers from Bobbetts Mackan of Bristol, publicising National Law Week: time for a phone call

The week also coincides with the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Law Society's receipt of its royal charter, which granted it statutory powers and duties to educate and discipline solicitors.

Law firms go back much further. Some law firms have been operating for more than 400 years. According to the *Guinness Book of Records*, the title of the most "durable firm" goes to Pickering Kenyon of London, which can trace its history back to 1561. The first control over lawyers did not come until 1729 when Parliament acted in response to public concern over the costs and standards of legal services — still a key concern, according to last week's government Green Paper on legal aid.

But in many ways, the profession has changed. A century ago, all solicitors were men. The first woman, Carrie Morrison, was finally admitted in 1922. Today, 29 per cent of solicitors are women, as are half of all new entrants to the profession.

This week, the public is invited to look at the law and lawyers in action, to the accompaniment of balloons, posters and T-shirts designed by students from Central Saint Martin's College. Highlights of the week include:

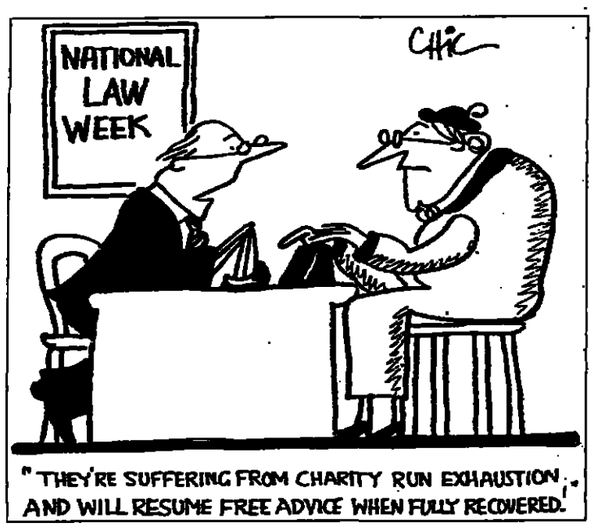
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- Teams of young and trainee solicitors to take part in Operation Outlaw — going into schools with videos to explain the legal process and issues;
- 200 firms across country take part in heats of a *Law Society Gazette* trivia quiz.

To round off the week, the society is celebrating its first West End show, *The Night in Question* at the Duke of York's Theatre on Sunday at 8pm (tickets £6 to £15: 0171-836 5122) will see lawyers mix with professional performers in a fund-raising concert sponsored by *The Lawyer*. The funds raised will go to Amnesty International and Justice, the all-party law reform group.

The programme will include a rhythm 'n' blues band of judges; QCs and barristers; an extract from *Murmuring Judges*; contributions from the cast of BBC Television's *Crown Prosecutor*; songs from Neil Murray, the first City solicitor to cut a professional pop album.

Peter Goldsmith, QC, the chairman of the Bar Council, predicts that the night will be one to remember — "with lawyers as you have never seen them before".

For lawyers, the week will provide a welcome breathing space from present Law Society problems and current reforms to legal services and civil justice. And at the very least, it will give the image of solicitors a boost into the bargain.



Of luxury barns, Child B and a shift in judicial attitudes

Long road to human rights

Today in Strasbourg some great legal minds will begin to focus on a case that taxed the English courts with the question of whether a brick building with "extensive use of Georgian-style windows", domestic eaves, and gables is in fact a barn for veal calves. The structure, off Dark Lane in Higher Whitley, Cheshire, was owned by John Bryan, a farmer. He claims that its erection did not contravene planning laws because it was designed for a legitimate agricultural purpose, thus complying with requirements for the designated conservation area.

The Royal Vale Borough Council disagreed, contending that the building was a house not a barn, and ordered its demolition. Mr Bryan's appeals to the planning inspector and then to the High Court both failed, so he took his case to the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR), which begins hearing the case this afternoon.

Mr Bryan alleges that his treatment by the English legal system violated article 6(1) of the European Convention on Human Rights, which guarantees a fair hearing by an "independent and impartial tribunal". Two accusations are made against the English procedure: first, that the inspector who dealt with the original appeal was not independent because he was a salaried employee of the Planning Inspectorate, appointed by the Environment Secretary; secondly, that the High Court's review of the inspector's decision was too narrow to comply with article 6 because the court was not permitted properly to re-evaluate factual judgments made by the inspector.

In recent years, the British judicial attitude to human rights has changed noticeably. In a case last year, the House of Lords said the judiciary should "refuse to countenance behaviour that threatens either basic human rights or the rule of law".

Then, this month, delivering the Paul Sieghart Memorial Lecture for the British Institute of Human Rights, Mr Justice Sedley called for human rights protection to be incorporated in British law. He argued passionately for the courts to "articulate and uphold the ground rules of ethical social existence, which we dignify as fundamental human rights".

Using domestic and European law to create and protect human rights has been a much-trumpeted cause. There may be evidence that, on matters relating to certain procedural rules, law courts can intercede effectively when legislated human rights are broken, but where more rudimentary or moral human rights — like the right to food, shelter and medicine — are concerned, the law is of no help.



John Bryan and the building, which has now been demolished

Consider, though, a case with quite different implications. Suppose that a child suffering from leukaemia was deprived of possibly lifesaving treatment because the local health authority had calculated that the treatment would not be financially justified in view of a low success rate for the treatment. The decision deprives a person of the chance of life. Article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights guarantees the right to "the legal protection of life", but there would be no legal basis for declaring a health authority in violation of article 2 even if treatment was deliberately refused on the basis of a cold cost-benefit calculation.

A similar case, that of "Child B", was recently taken to the courts by the girl's parents. The High Court commanded the health authority to reconsider its decision, but this was overruled by the Court of Appeal. The appeal judges said it would be cruel to prolong the agonised uncertainties of the parents when the authority had made its decision in a way that was procedurally impeccable. The courts could not interfere with what are essentially business decisions made in good faith. At root, rights are matters of economics, not law.

In an unusually assertive judgment, the High Court recently confirmed the rights of a businessman to export veal calves for slaughter on the Continent without hindrance from the port protesters. Paradoxically, the courts may soon be told that they should have been more respectful to the man from Cheshire whose veal calves were to live in apparent luxury. The guiding principle in both cases is, however, the one which constitutes nine points of the law: possession.

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[Judgment May 17]

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There was no similar provision in the regulations with regard to the crown court even though it had both a first instance and appellate jurisdiction and it was to be hoped that thought would be given to the *lacuna* in the legislation when amendments were next considered.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated in a reserved judgment when allowing an application for judicial review by Sonn & Co, solicitors, of the refusal by the clerk to Highbury Corner Magistrates' Court on January 21, 1994 to make a legal aid order in favour of their client, Milud Embarc, to cover their representation of him in criminal proceedings on January 5, 1994.

Mr Embarc had appeared in person before the justices on November 24, 1993 on a charge of criminal damage. He pleaded not guilty and the justices found the case suitable for legal aid.

On January 5, 1994 Mr Embarc requested the firm to represent him that same day at the summary trial. A solicitor attended and represented Mr Embarc who was convicted, conditionally discharged and ordered to pay a contribution to the prosecution costs.

That same day an application for a legal aid order was made under regulations 11 and 23.

The requisite forms 1 and 5 were duly completed and lodged with the justices' clerk. Mr Embarc did not, however, have with him the supporting documentary evidence required by regulation 23(1). He provided it to the solicitors who on January 18, sent it to the court requesting the certificate.

The justices' clerk replied that an order could not be made until a complete statement of means had been considered. In the present case he said the information was received after the case had been completed, too late for an effective order to be made.

Mr Hugh Tomlinson for Sonn & Co; the justices' clerk did not appear and was not represented

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that the justices' position had been clarified by an affidavit sworn on September 6, 1994 by Mr Gooch, senior chief clerk, apparently following advice and assistance from the Treasury Solicitor's Department.

His Lordship regretted that neither Mr Gooch, nor the Treasury Solicitor's Department nor the Lord Chancellor's Department was represented although they were served and the latter encouraged by the Crown Office to attend, as the case was one of some difficulty and the decision would inevitably be of general importance.

Mr Gooch deposed that the proceedings in question were concluded on January 5 and therefore it was inappropriate to make a legal aid order on January 19. "Legal aid orders cannot be backdated or have a retrospective effect. Legal aid orders take effect from the date the order is made."

He further drew attention to the fact that "if a legal aid application is made after the conclusion of proceedings and the clerk processes such an application and forms the view that the defendant in question should pay a contribution, there is . . . no provision for a court to order that contribution should be made. No contribution could be made by the court in such a situation as the contribution period expires on the conclusion of the case."

Mr Tomlinson contended that it would be most unfortunate if the clerk's stated view were correct. Not infrequently a defendant failed to furnish the court with supporting documentary evidence prior to the single hearing at which criminal proceedings were disposed of.

In such cases the solicitor representing the defendant at the hearing could not be remunerated under the legal aid scheme. The inevitable result would be that the hearing would have to go off to a later date to give time for a legal aid order to be made in advance. That would be inconvenient and inimical to justice.

Mr Tomlinson submitted that there were three different ways in which the regulations could be construed and applied so as to avoid that result:

First, by delaying the making of a legal aid order until the supporting documentary evidence had been provided and then backdating it so as to cover the work earlier undertaken.

Second, the order could be made as soon as forms 1 and 5 were submitted, the order however being made conditional on the supporting documentary evidence thereafter being provided.

Third, the order could be made unconditionally and correctly dated once the supporting documentary evidence was provided, regulation 44(7) then being invoked to cover the work earlier undertaken.

1 The backdating argument

That argument was expressly left open to the court in *Welch v Redbridge Justices* ([1984] 148 JP 474). It was, however, later rejected by Mr Justice May in *R v North Staffordshire Justices, Ex parte O'Hara* (unreported December 7, 1993).

His Lordship agreed with the conclusion that there was no power for a justices' clerk to backdate the effective date of a legal aid order earlier than the date on which the order was made.

It was necessarily implicit in regulation 44(7) that representation or advice given before an order was made could only be covered in the particular circumstances there specified, and not by the expedient of backdating the order.

2 The conditional order argument

Mr Tomlinson pointed out that when regulation 23 was amended, by regulation 5 of the Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (General) (Amendment) (No 2) Regulations (SI 1993 No 1895) to require the statement of means to "be accompanied by supporting documentary evidence", no amendment was made to regulation 11(3) to include reference there to supporting documentary evidence.

It followed that regulation 11 imposed no bar on the making of a legal aid order in advance of the supporting documentary evidence. The clerk was merely required to consider the statement of means: he could then make the order conditionally. A number of magistrates' courts took that view.

His Lordship found difficulty with that approach. It seemed implicit in regulation 11(3) that the court or clerk was required to consider such statement of means as was described in regulation 23, namely one accompanied at that moment by supporting documentary evidence.

3 The regulation 44(7) argument

The argument was not available in *O'Hara*. The regulation did not of course state whether or not an order could be made after the final conclusion of proceedings simply so as to include within its scope work earlier undertaken. Mr Tomlinson drew attention to regulation 29(1) and (4) relating to the period for which contributions were to be paid.

He recognised that if for all purposes legal aid orders ceased to be in force upon the final conclusion of the proceedings, then that of itself might be thought to preclude an order being made after such final conclusion.

His Lordship concluded that good sense required the regulation 29(4)(a) definition to be confined in its application to regulation 29(1). So construed, an order could indeed be made after the proceedings had been concluded specifically so as to allow earlier representation or advice to be deemed given under the order, provided always that the three preconditions set out in regulation 44(7) were satisfied.

Construed in that way the regulations allowed the interests of justice to be served, avoided the absurd consequences that flowed from the clerk's view of the law, and at the same time protected the fund against the possibility of paying legal aid in circumstances where the supporting documentary evidence was never provided, a possibility implicit in the conditional order argument.

One of the three preconditions in regulation 44(7) was that there was no undue delay. It was difficult to imagine that where an order was sought after the final conclusion of proceedings, that condition would be met unless the application had been made before or contemporaneously with the work undertaken. In the present case it was.

His Lordship also noted that the scheme could operate so as to defeat or at any rate severely circumscribe the possibility of recovering contributions. The later the application for legal aid was made, the less scope there was to recover contributions.

Had Mr Embarc been able to produce his supporting documentary evidence on the day of the hearing, it could hardly be doubted that a legal aid order would have been made although no contribution could have been recoverable from him because of the seven-day rule under regulation 29(1).

It followed that, in his Lordship's judgment, the clerk could and should have made a legal aid order so as to enable the solicitors to be paid under regulation 44(7) for the work that they did.

Had that route to payment not been open, his Lordship might have reached a different conclusion on the conditional order argument, less satisfactory although that was.

His Lordship made a final comment. Although the court's decision would solve the problem in magistrates' courts, and although regulation 22(6) ensured no difficulty could arise in proceedings in the Court of Appeal, there were no provisions equivalent to either regulation 22(6) or regulation 44(7) with regard to the crown court even though that court had both a first instance and appellate jurisdiction.

That appeared to be a lacuna in the legislation. His Lordship expressed the hope that when amending regulations were next under consideration, thought would be given to that.

Mr Justice Curtis agreed.

Solicitor: Sonn & Co, Islington.

Property transfer avoids inheritance tax

Ingram and Another v Inland Revenue Commissioners

Before Mr Justice Ferris

[Judgment May 17]

A scheme designed to avoid inheritance tax liability by divesting the owner of land of her sole beneficial ownership of the freehold by the purported grant of leases achieved its purpose.

Although the leases were invalid and unenforceable, the equitable interests that were created and which entitled her to remain in occupation up to the time of her death, did not require the land to be treated under section 102 of the Finance Act 1986 as being property to which she was entitled immediately before her death.

Mr Justice Ferris so held in the Chancery Division in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by Mr Michael Warren Ingram and Mr C. D. Palmer-Tomkinson, the executors of the estate of Lady Jane Ingram, deceased, against a determination by the Inland Revenue Commissioners in respect of inheritance tax payable on certain assets on the death of Lady Ingram on February 3, 1989.

Mr Robert Venables, QC and Mr Robert Grierson for the executors: Mr Edward Nugee, QC and Mr Michael Furness for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE FERRIS said that in 1987 Lady Ingram had owned property in Berkshire that she desired to settle on trustees for the benefit of her family while incurring the minimum of adverse fiscal consequences.

On March 29, 1987, she transferred the property to her solicitor, who on the same day executed two declarations that he held the property as nominee for Lady Ingram. By two leases dated March 30 and 31, 1987, 20-year, rent-free leasehold interests in the land were purportedly granted to Lady Ingram and on March 31 the land subject to the leases was transferred to trustees to hold on specified trusts for the benefit of certain beneficiaries.

It was envisaged that by carrying out the transaction in that way that:

(a) an effective settlement would be established without incurring liability to any stamp duty;

(b) the interest taken by Lady Ingram under the leases would have been created in her favour before she had made any gift to the beneficiaries of the settlement;

(c) the disposition in favour of the beneficiaries would be a potentially exempt transfer for the purposes of the Inheritance Tax Act 1984, as renamed by section 100 of the Finance Act 1986;

(d) if Lady Ingram survived for seven years after March 31, 1987, the disposition would be treated as an exempt transfer; and

(e) if she died within the seven-year period nevertheless advantageous consequences so far as the applicable rate of the tax would apply.

In the event Lady Ingram died within two years.

The Crown contended that the property was "property subject to a reservation" within section 102(2) of the Finance Act 1986 and therefore to be treated as property to which Lady Ingram was beneficially entitled immediately before her death.

By section 102(1) property was subject to a reservation if "at any time in the relevant period the property is not enjoyed to the entire exclusion, or virtually to the entire exclusion, of the donor and of any benefit to him by contract or otherwise". In practical terms, it was said, the relevant period was that between March 31 and Lady Ingram's death.

The route by which the Crown claimed to achieve such a result was:

1 The leases in favour of Lady Ingram were of no effect as a nominee could not as a matter of law create an effective lease in favour of his principal.

2 The trustees having received the property could not claim to retain it free from the interest thereby expressed to be granted by Lady Ingram, but that interest took effect by way of reservation and thus by way of regrant under section 65(1) and (2) of the Law of Property Act 1925.

Alternatively, Lady Ingram was entitled only in equity to interests commensurate with those expressed to be granted by the leases. On either basis it was contended that Lady Ingram's interest was created either after, or at best contemporaneously with, the gift of the property to the trustees.

3 Where after making a gift a donor received back an interest in the property which was the subject of the gift, that property would not thereafter be enjoyed to the entire exclusion of the donor. The same was said to be the case if the gift and the creation of the donor's interest were contemporaneous.

Thus the appeal gave rise to the following issues:

1 Could a nominee grant an effective lease to his principal?

2 If he could not, did the existence of Lady Ingram's interest under a reservation taking effect in accordance with section 65 of the Law of Property Act 1925 or under a lease taking effect in equity have the consequence that the property was not enjoyed to the exclusion of Lady Ingram?

1 Could a nominee grant an effective lease to his principal?

In *Rye v Rye* ([1962] AC 496) the House of Lords held that two individuals could not grant to themselves an effective lease of property of which they were the owners.

In the Scottish case of *Kildrummy (Jersey) Ltd v IRC* ([1990] STC 657) the Inner House of the Court of Session held that a nominee could not grant a lease of land to the individuals for whom it held as nominee.

The reasoning by which the Inner House reached that conclusion was based on principles which were part of English law. That case was a correct statement of the law of England as well as that of Scotland and the efforts by Mr Venables to distinguish it failed.

It followed that the leases purportedly granted by the solicitor to Lady Ingram were a nullity.

2 Was the property after March 31, 1987 enjoyed to the exclusion of Lady Ingram and of any benefit to her by contract or otherwise?

First the interest, if any, of Lady Ingram in the property had to be analysed. The case put for the executors was to be preferred to that advanced by the Crown that rested on section 65 of the Law of Property Act 1925. Lady Ingram was to be treated as having had equitable interests in the property from the instant when the declarations of trust took effect.

However, it was the Crown's case that Lady Ingram acquired those interests at the earliest contemporaneously with the making by her of a gift in favour of the beneficiaries and that that made the property "subject to a reservation" under section 102 of the Finance Act 1986.

The proposition as formulated by Mr Nugee was: "Where an absolute owner of property makes a gift of a partial interest in the property, retaining for himself an interest which gives him a right to the present enjoyment of the property (otherwise than for full consideration . . .), the case is one in which what is given is the whole of the property with a benefit reserved out of it for the donor, not one in which only part is given and the benefit retained is simply something not given: and section 102 applies accordingly."

The evaluation of that contention involved consideration of cases of high standing decided under the old estate duty legislation. The decision on which the Crown principally relied was that of the Court of Appeal in *In re Nichols (dec'd)* ([1975] 1 WLR 534).

Reference was also made to *Munro v Commissioner of Stamp Duties (NSW)* ([1934] AC 61); *Commissioner for Stamp Duties of New South Wales v Perpetual Trustee Co Ltd* ([1943] AC 425); *St Aubyn v Attorney-General* ([1952] AC 15) and *Oakes v Commissioner of Stamp Duties of New South Wales* ([1954] AC 57).

Applying the principles emerging from those authorities, whether Lady Ingram took her leasehold interest in equity or by the operation of section 65 of the 1925 Act, what the trustees and the beneficiaries finished up with was the property subject to those leasehold interests.

Unless there was a period of time at which the trustees and beneficiaries had a more extensive interest out of which the leasehold interests were carved, the subject matter of the gift by Lady Ingram was the property shorn of those leasehold interests.

In terms of substance, Lady Ingram had her leasehold interests from the very same moment that the trustees and beneficiaries had the property subject to those interests.

In the result the property was not subject to a reservation for the purposes of section 102 of the 1986 Act.

Solicitors: Norton Rose; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Court can examine exhibit once produced in evidence

Regina v Pydar Justices, Ex parte Foster

Before Lord Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Curtis

[Judgment May 12]

Once an exhibit was produced in evidence it came under the jurisdiction of the court and the court could examine it whenever it chose.

A defence advocate could not sit tight and make a submission of no case when he saw fit and not point the exhibit out until then as he was under a duty to lay the ground for his submission either by cross-examination or calling evidence.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated when dismissing an application for judicial review by Paul Foster of a refusal by Newquay Justices to state a case following his conviction on July 26, 1994 for driving with excess alcohol in his breath.

Mr Francis Burkett, who did not appear below, for Mr Foster; Mr Nigel Seed for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that the police officer who gave relevant evidence had produced in evidence the printout of the Intoximeter. He gave evidence on the lowest reading.

He was not cross-examined on the calibration or functioning of the machine. He handed the document to the prosecutor who then closed the case. The defence submitted there was no case to answer because the printout had not been produced into evidence.

His Lordship dismissed as quite impossible the argument that there was no true distinction between the present case and *Hasler v DPP* ([1989] RTR 148) where a printout was never produced in evidence, founded on the basis that the justices did not, before the close of the prosecution case, have the printout before them or examine it and accordingly did not have knowledge of its contents.

Once an exhibit was produced, the court had jurisdiction over it. It was available to the court and the court could examine it and derive from it all it contained whenever it pleased.

The justices only necessarily came to examine the printout when the defence made a submission of no case.

MR JUSTICE CURTIS addressed the contention that the defence solicitor was entitled to sit tight and make his submission to the justices when he saw fit and not point the document out until then.

There was no doubt that there was a duty on a defence advocate to lay the ground for his submission either by cross-examination or calling evidence.

Solicitors: Coodes, Newquay; Crown Prosecution Service, Truro.

Invoking defence of marital coercion

Regina v Shortland

Before Lord Justice Kennedy, Mrs Justice Steel and Mr Justice Hooper

[Judgment May 19]

To invoke a defence of marital coercion, it was necessary for a defendant to prove, on a balance of probabilities, that the offence was committed as a result of her will being overborne by the wishes of her husband, so that she was forced unwillingly to participate in the offence. That defence did not necessarily require proof of physical force or the threat of physical force.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in allowing an appeal by Malena Iris Shortland against her conviction in December 1994 at Bournemouth Crown Court (Mr Recorder Meggeson and a jury) of two offences of making a false statement to procure a passport for which she was sentenced to a conditional discharge for two years, concurrently, on each count.

Section 47 of the Criminal Justice Act 1925 provides: "Any presumption of law that an offence committed by a wife in the presence of her husband is committed under the coercion of the husband is hereby abolished, but on a charge against a wife for any offence other than treason or murder it shall be a good defence to prove that the offence was committed in the presence of, and under the coercion of, the husband."

Mr Trevor Wright, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Simon Privett for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY, giving the judgment of the court, said that the prosecution case was that between June and November 1993 the appellant signed two application forms for passports, one a visitor's passport and one a 10 year passport, in the false name of Valerie Lopez, a dead child whose birth certificate the appellant's husband had obtained. The appellant admitted that she had signed both passport applications but asserted that she did that under coercion from her husband.

The ground of appeal was that an inappropriate direction was given as to the defence of marital coercion.

In the judgment of the court, the formulation used in *R v Gary Richman and Ann Richman* ([1982] Crim LR 507) by Judge Gabriel Hutton at Bristol Crown Court was appropriate: "Coercion did not necessarily mean physical force or the threat of physical force, it could be physical, or moral, she had to prove that her will was overborne by the wishes of her husband . . . coercion was different from persuading someone out of loyalty. . . ."

Unfortunately in the present case, the trial judge, in summing up, did not distinguish between duress and coercion as he should have done. That amounted to a material misdirection as it was the only defence being run in the case.

Solicitors: CPS, Bournemouth.

Power of Pensions Ombudsman

Century Life plc v Pensions Ombudsman
Britannia Life Ltd v Same

The jurisdiction of the Pensions Ombudsman to investigate complaints concerning the acts or omissions of trustees or managers of a pension scheme under section 146(1) of the Pension Schemes Act 1993 was not to be interpreted as applying only to the "trustees or, if there are no trustees, the managers" but extended to "trustees or managers" within the ordinary meaning of the words.

Mr Justice Dyson so held in the Queen's Bench Division on May 12 in dismissing, on preliminary issues, appeals brought by Century Life plc and Britannia Life Ltd against determinations of the Pensions Ombudsman under section 146 of the 1993 Act.

MR JUSTICE DYSON said that such a construction would limit the value to members of pension schemes of a cheap and accessible jurisdiction, by excluding the person who in many cases bore the greatest responsibility for maladministration.

His Lordship was not prepared to construe section 146(1) as having that effect unless compelled to do so by the words of the Act. Far from being so compelled he was not persuaded that in section 146(1) and (2) "managers" bore anything other than its ordinary meaning.

Counsel has no standing to make second application

Regina v Tang

Counsel had no standing to make a second application orally under section 33 of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 for a certificate that a point of law of general public importance was involved in a decision of the Court of Appeal after such an application had been refused on the papers.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Tucker and Mr Justice Forbes) so stated when, despite its normal practice (*R v Cooper (David)* ([1975] 61 Cr App R 215), it gave reasons on May 11 for refusing a second application made orally that a certifiable point was involved in the decision by the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice McCowan, Mr Justice Schiemann and Mr Justice Mitchell) to quash a conviction on one count but to affirm convictions on other counts of failing to comply with hygiene regulations.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that no oral application had been made immediately the decision had been given and an application on paper for a certificate under section 32 was refused without reasons. Authority for such procedure was provided by *R v Davies* ([1961] 1 WLR 52). Authority for only one application being made was provided by *R v Ashdown* ([1974] 1 WLR 27).

There could not be a second bite at the cherry, after one constitution of the court had refused the application, by going to another constitution to seek to reopen the matter.

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Separation of church and state

Logan v Presbytery of Dumbarton

Before Lord Osborne

[Judgment April 26]

The Church of Scotland Act 1921 amounted merely to the recognition by Parliament of the powers of the courts of the Church of Scotland.

Those powers not having been granted to the church by Parliament, the civil courts had no jurisdiction to review proceedings in the church courts concerning spiritual matters. In any event, the terms of the 1921 Act excluded such review.

Lord Osborne, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, recalling an interlocutor in a petition for judicial review brought by the Rev Thomas Logan against the Presbytery of Dumbarton pronouncing, *inter alia*, decree of suspension ad interim of deliverances of the presbytery which provided, inter alia, that he should abstain from the exercise of his office as minister pending disposal of a libel brought against him, and appointing an interim moderator to the Parish of Clydebank.

Article IV of the Articles Declaratory of the Constitution of the Church of Scotland in Matters Spiritual, in the Church of Scotland Act 1921, provides, inter alia:

"This Church, as part of the Universal Church wherein the Lord Jesus Christ has appointed a government in the hands of Church office-bearers, receives from Him, its Divine King and Head, and from Him alone, the right and power subject to no civil authority to legislate, and to adjudicate finally, in all matters of doctrine, worship, government, and discipline in the Church . . .

"Recognition by the civil authority of the separate and independent government and jurisdiction of this Church in matters spiritual, in whatever manner such recognition be expressed, does not in any way affect the character of this government and jurisdiction as derived from the Divine Head of the Church alone, or give to the civil authority any right of interference with the proceedings or judgments of the Church within the sphere of its spiritual government and jurisdiction."

Mr Iain Bonomy, QC, for the Rev Mr Logan; Mr Alistair Dunlop, QC, for the presbytery.

LORD OSBORNE said that the petitioner had been indicted by the respondents for contravening the presbytery's refusal of premission to engage in certain activities.

He sought judicial review of deliverances issued in those proceedings, on the ground of denial of natural justice. In particular it was averred that there had been a breach of section 6 of the Act anent Trials by Libel (General Assembly, 1935, Session 3).

The respondents submitted that the libel against the petitioner was, in substance, an allegation of a contempt by him of the church courts. The kirk sessions, presbyteries and the General Assembly were courts of the realm (Church Jurisdiction Act 1567; General Assembly Act 1592; Protestant Religion and Presbyterian Church Act 1707).

Article VIII of the Declaratory Articles of the Church of Scotland Act 1921 provided that only the Church could interpret the articles. If the church were to do that in an unacceptable way, the only sanction was that the recognition of the church's position might be withdrawn by Parliament.

While certain actings of the church courts might be the subject of judicial review, that remedy was not available in relation to the matters excluded by article IV. The court's jurisdiction was excluded: see *Ballantyne v Presbytery of Wigtown* (1936 SC 625); *Buchan v Brodie* (unreported, August 15, 1984); *Lockhart v Presbytery of Deer* ((1851) 13 D 1296); *Wight v Presbytery of Dunkeld* ((1870) 8 M 921).

It was recognised that it was the concern of the civil courts to be satisfied that any particular matter was a spiritual matter, before declining to exercise their jurisdiction in relation to it. In the present case, there was no dispute that the subject-matter of the petition was a matter of "discipline" within the meaning of article IV.

The petitioner submitted that the terms of the 1921 Act and in particular of the enacting formula showed that it was legislation in the ordinary sense of the word. The supervisory jurisdiction of the court was therefore applicable: see *West v Secretary of State for Scotland* (1992 SLT 636).

If the exercise of the church's jurisdiction was not properly carried out, an aggrieved person had a right to resort to the civil courts. In a situation in which Parliament had conferred powers on the church, the proceedings of the church were subject to judicial review.

His Lordship had reached the conclusion that the issue raised by the petitioner was not one which the court had a jurisdiction to entertain. The subject-matter plainly fell within the scope of the "matters spiritual".

If that was so, "the matter was at an end, and neither the statute nor the common law nor previous judicial decision . . . could avail to bring the matter within the jurisdiction of the civil authority": see *Ballantyne* per Lord Justice-Clerk Aitchison (at p654).

The petitioner's argument involved a non sequitur. It overlooked the fact that the 1921 Act "is not an Act of Parliament conferring rights upon the Church, but it is a recognition by Parliament of Articles framed by the General Assembly of the Church as its Supreme Court in the exercise of what it claimed to be its own inherent powers" (*Ballantyne*, Ibid).

The situation of the courts of the Church of Scotland could not be equiparated with any tribunal created or upon which a power had been conferred by Parliament.

The passage relied on in *West* did not assist the petitioner because the church courts were not bodies "to whom a jurisdiction, power or authority has been delegated or entrusted by statute" (*West*, p650).

Quite apart from the foregoing considerations, the petitioner's arguments came into direct conflict with the provisions of article IV, given legal effect by section 1 of the 1921 Act.

His Lordship did not wish to determine the meaning and effect of the Act. That power had been recognised in *Ballantyne* (p664). To that limited extent, judicial review might be available in relation to certain church matters.

Law agents: Drummond Miller, WS; Church of Scotland Law Department.

Third party cannot trace funds

Style Financial Services Ltd v Bank of Scotland

Before the Lord Justice-Clerk (Lord Ross), Lord Sutherland and Lord Coulsfield

[Judgment March 3]

Where a company, which had subsequently gone into receivership, had paid into an overdrawn account sums that it collected as agent for a third party, to whom it was obliged to remit them, the third party could not trace those funds in the hands of the bankers, for by applying them to reduce the overdraft neither the company nor the bank had been in breach of any fiduciary relationship.

In any event, since the account had been overdrawn, the sums in question had ceased to exist; but in the circumstances the third party had a relevant case of unjust enrichment against the bank.

If they could establish both that their relationship with the company had been a fiduciary one and that the defenders had known that the sums had been paid into account for the specific purpose of being paid to the third party, they might recover the funds.

The Second Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session so held, refusing a reclaiming motion by the Governors and Company of the Bank of Scotland against an interlocutor of the Lord Ordinary allowing proof before answer in an action for payment of £3,095,895.72 brought against the bank by Style Financial Services Ltd.

Mr Arthur Hamilton, QC and Mr Gordon Reid, QC, Style; Mr James Drummond Young, QC and Mr Patrick Hodge for the bank.

THE LORD JUSTICE-CLERK said that A. Goldberg & Sons plc had held an account with the defenders into which had been paid cheques drawn in favour both of Goldberg and the pursuers.

The cheques had been drawn by customers of Goldberg for sums owed by them to the pursuers under a credit card scheme. Sums so received by Goldbergs had not been held in any special account, but had from time to time been remitted to the pursuers. The sums had been paid in when the account had been in overdraft.

The pursuers now sought from the defenders the sums paid in by the said cheques. The basis of their case was that in collecting money from customers, Goldberg had been acting as agents of the pursuers and that a fiduciary duty to account thereby arose.

They averred that the defenders had been or ought to have been aware that the sums truly belonged to the pursuers and that Goldberg had had no beneficial interest therein.

Their Lordships were satisfied that if it was to be contended that this was a tracing case, the pursuer's case would be irrelevant. Once sums had been paid into an account and had served *pro tanto* to reduce the debit balance on the account, they had ceased to exist, and accordingly could not thereafter be traced.

However, the pursuers' case could be regarded as one of recompense.

Put shortly their case appeared to be that there had been a fiduciary relationship between themselves and Goldberg, that the defenders had known of its existence, its terms, and the fact that it had been breached and that accordingly the pursuers were entitled to recover.

Alternatively, it was contended that even if there had been no breach of that fiduciary duty, when the money had been paid into the account, the defenders had known that the funds had been received by Goldberg for the specific purpose of remitting them in due course to the pursuers, that accordingly Goldberg and the defenders had only been entitled to retain the funds for a limited period, and that accordingly the defenders were not entitled to use the funds in such a way that they were likely to be destroyed; in particular by using them to reduce Goldberg's indebtedness to them: see *Thomson v Clydesdale Bank Ltd* ((1893) 20 R (HL) 59); *Jopp v Johnstone's Tr* ((1904) 6 F 1028); *Gillespie v City of Glasgow Bank* ((1879) 6 R (HL) 104); *King v Hurton* ([1900] 2 QB 504); *Henry v Hammond* ([1913] 2 KB 515); *Neste Oy v Lloyd's Bank* ([1983] 2 Lloyd's Rep 658).

In support of the proposition that a person with knowledge of a breach of fiduciary duty was not entitled to benefit from that breach, the pursuers founded upon, inter alia, *Clydesdale Bank v Paul* ((1877) 4 R 626); *Gibbs v British Linen Bank (ibid)*; *New Mining and Exploring Syndicate Ltd v Chalmers & Hunter* ((1912 SC 126); *Bodenham v Hoskins* ((1852) 21 LJ (ChD) 864); *Heritable Reversionary Co Ltd v Millar* ((1892) 19 R (HL) 43); *Smith v Liquidator of James Birrell Ltd* (1968 SLT 174); and *Stodart v Dalzell* ((1876) 4 R 236).

Their Lordships concluded that the pursuers had averred sufficient to support a case that the defenders had known of the existence of a fiduciary relationship between themselves and Goldberg and that there had been a breach of that relationship. Accordingly, sufficient had been averred to entitle the pursuers to seek to make out a case based on recompense.

There was much to be said for the view that the relationship between the pursuers and Goldberg had essentially been one of debtor and creditor but their Lordships were satisfied that sufficient had been averred to entitle the court to draw the inference that there had been a fiduciary relationship.

The issues could not be properly determined until the facts had been established.

The Lord Ordinary had therefore been correct to allow a proof before answer.

Law agents: Dundas & Wilson, CS; Dorman Jeffrey & Co.

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Ballesteros could walk *down the main* street of a small town in the Sierra Nevada and if he were remarked upon at all, it might be for his bearing, his dark good looks, his immaculate grooming. There is, however, a good chance that nobody in that small town would have the faintest idea who he was.

If he were to do the same in, say, Twyford or Twickenham, he would be assailed by autograph hunters by the dozen. It would be similar in the United States, Japan, Australia, just about anywhere in the world except the country of his birth.

For all that he has achieved for the sporting heritage of his nation — five major championships and more than 70 *victories worldwide* — and, through his marvellous Ryder Cup record, his continent, Ballesteros has still not been able to impress himself on the Spanish psyche. It is something that he rarely talks about, but when he does one senses a small regret, a vital ingredient that is missing from a career brimming with achievement.

There is a theory that the Spanish people take only to explosive sports because they are themselves an explosive, emotional people. Football is something close to a religion and players such as Nayim, whose 50-yard goal destroyed Arsenal in the Uefa Cup final two weeks ago, and Emilio Butragueno dare hardly venture from their front doors without fear of losing a limb to the idolatry of supporters. Miguel Induráin, the cyclist, has the same problems of recognition. But Ballesteros? Only to the select few.

For all the contribution that he and his fellow professionals have made, the game, by and large, is available to only two sections of the population — the rich, and the brave, hardy men who drag themselves from the poverty-line anonymity of the caddie shack and onto the fairways of the world.

Jeff Kelly is an English journalist who has made his home in Spain and is in closer touch with the game there than almost any other Briton. He works tirelessly to popularise the game, and regrets that the contribution made by such as Ballesteros has not borne fruit.

"It is amazing that in spite of all that Seve has done, there are still only 90,000 registered golfers in Spain," he said. "Seve has done everything he can to make the game more popular here, but still there is no great move by the Spanish people to take it up."

Ballesteros was the founding father of the modern European Tour, and was responsible almost singlehandedly for its growth in the late Seventies and early Eighties. If he were not to hit another ball in competitive anger, the debt that his fellow professionals would owe him would be incalculable.

"It was very important for Spanish golf that I won here," Ballesteros said after his win. "With José Rivero and Ignacio Garrido finishing second together, it was the best possible way for us to show that Spanish golf is in strong hands."

Safe hands, too. Ballesteros has had his career ended for him by doubting cynics for three years or more. He showed at Club de Campo that the reports of his death as a leading player were laughably premature. There remains much to be done on, and off, the course.

Nothing is more certain than that Ballesteros will captain the European team when the Ryder Cup goes to Valderrama in 1997 if he wants to. He shrugged off questions about that. "I might be playing," he said. If the evidence of last week is anything to go by, indeed he might.

Whatever role he plays in that match, he will do his job with dignity, pride and courage. Even as he does so, however, there will still be people in the Sierra Nevada who have not heard of him. How sad.

ANGEL DIEZ



Ballesteros raises the trophy after winning the Spanish Open at Club de Campo

Singh gains third US win after late errors by Faldo

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

NICK FALDO, two strokes clear with seven holes to play, faded into a share of fourth place in the Buick Classic at Westchester Country Club, New York. The event was won by Vijay Singh, of Fiji, a former member of the European Tour, who birdied the fifth hole of a sudden-death play-off to beat Doug Martin, of the United States.

Singh, the overnight leader at seven under par, had a final round of 72 on Sunday to tie with Martin, who birdied three of the last four holes to force the play-off, which turned into the longest on the US PGA Tour since the New England Open in 1991.

Martin's second shot at the fifth extra hole, the par-five 18th, put him in trouble and he made a bogey, allowing Singh the luxury of two-putting, if need be, from 15 feet for a par and the win. As it turned out, he only needed one putt.

"I had a lot of opportunities for birdies all day. Sooner or later, one of them had to fall. I didn't really need it, but it was nice to make one at last," Singh said.

Singh also won this tournament in 1993, his first win in America, when he defeated Mark Weibe in a play-off. His second win came in January this year when he took the Phoenix Open, also in a play-off, against Billy Mayfair.

Faldo initially played the steady and precise golf required to master a course notable for tight fairways and deep rough.

He made birdies at the 6th, 9th and 10th holes to get to eight under par but he made several bad swings over the closing holes and dropped shots at the 12th, 15th, 16th and 17th holes.

"I was playing well. I just hit a few bad shots," said Faldo, who has returned home to play in the Volvo PGA championship at Wentworth this weekend.

The second-place finish was a career best for Martin, 28, who led after the first round in which he eagled the 18th. In the previous event, the Byron Nelson Classic, Martin faded from a stroke off the lead to 55th in the course of 36 holes, but at Westchester he stayed in the hunt, although he admitted that standing on the 15th tee he was just trying to ensure a high finish, rather than attempting the birdies he knew he needed for a chance of winning.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

NEW YORK GAMES (US unless stated): Winners: Men: 100m: B Surin (Can) 9.92sec. 200m: C Lewis 20.28. 400m: D Mills 44.86. 3,000m: S Creighton (Aus) 7:46.02. 110m hurdles: R Kingdom 13.18. Pole vault: I Potapovich (Kazakhstan) 5.78m. Long jump: K Streete-Thompson 8.56. Discus: N Sweeney (Ire) 59.88. Women: 200m: G Torrence 22.04. 400m: C Freeman (Aus) 51.52. 400m hurdles: D Hemmings (Jamaica) 54.15. High jump: T Waller 1.94m. Shot: A Kumbernuss (Ger) 19.97m.
LJUBLJANA, Slovenia: Women: Pole vault: D Bortova (Cz) 4.10 (world record)

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland 12 Boston 10; Detroit 2 Toronto 1; New York 5 Baltimore 0; California 8 Chicago 6; Seattle 5 Minnesota 2; Oakland 7 Kansas City 2; Texas 6 Milwaukee 0.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta 5 Florida 1; Philadelphia 5 New York 3; Colorado 5 Cincinnati 2 Houston 5; Montreal 2 St Louis 9; San Francisco 7 Chicago 2; Los Angeles 1 (13 inns) Pittsburgh 6 (in San Diego)

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Eastern Conference: Indiana 97 New York 95 (Indiana win best-of-seven series 4-3 and will play Orlando Magic in finals)

CRICKET

SCHOOLS MATCH: Chesterton Cup: Final (40 overs): Hereford Cathedral 206-4 (Price 77), Malvern 207-3 (Nash 84 not out, Varney 63 not out).

CYCLING

TOUR OF ASTURIAS: Final stage (158km, from Cangas de Narcea to Oviedo) 1, B Zberg (Switz, Carrera) 3hr 40min 42sec; 2, T Fleischer (Ger, Collstrop), 3, M Mauri (Sp, Once); 4, M Sciandri (It, MG-Technogy); 5, M Indurain (Sp, Banesto). 6, M Moreda (Sp, Artiach) all same time. Final positions: 1, Zberg 21hr 48min 2sec; 2, I Cuesta (Sp, Euskadi) 1.10; 3, Indurain 1:11; 4, V Aparicio (Sp, Banesto) 1:34; 5, L Nino (Col, Kelme) 2 01, 6, F G Casas (Sp, Artiach) 2.38
GIRO D'ITALIA: Tenth stage (42km individual time-trial, from Telese Terme and Maddaloni) 1, T Rominger (Switz, Mapei) 51min 54sec; 2, E Berzin (Russ, Gewiss Ballan) at 1.23, 3, P Ugrumov (Lat, Gewiss Ballan) same time, 4, F Casagrande (It, Mercatone Uno) 1 43; 5, M Fondriest (It, Lampre) 1:44, 6, P Jonker (Aus, ONCE) 2:11. Overall positions: 1 Rominger 39hr 31min 40sec; 2, Casagrande at 3.00; 3, Ugrumov 3 06, 4, Berzin 3.16

EQUESTRIANISM

COMPIEGNE, France: Three-day event: 1, King Solomon 111 (M Thomson, GB) 45 6pens; 2, Dawdle (A Nicholson, NZ) 48 8; 3, Voyou IV (M-C Duroy, F) 49 4. Team: 1, France 173.60, 2, Great Britain 197.15, 3, Italy 230.35.

FOOTBALL

TOUR MATCH: Singapore 1 Nottingham Forest 3 (in Singapore).

GOLF

CLUB DE CAMPO, Madrid: Spanish Open: Final scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 274: S Ballesteros (Sp) 70, 67, 66, 71. 276: J Rivero (Sp) 68, 69, 71, 68, I Garrido (Sp) 67, 68, 74, 69. 277: P Baker 69, 72, 68, 68; G Brand Jr 71, 68, 65, 75. 278: E Romero (Arg) 70, 69, 69, 70; P Mitchell 66, 67, 73, 72. 279: D Cooper 70, 72, 70, 67, R Claydon 72, 69, 70, 68, B Langer (Ger) 71, 70, 69, 69; J Townsend (US) 69, 67, 71, 72. 280: J Robson 69, 70, 74, 67, A Sorensen (Den) 70, 73, 68, 69; M Roe 69, 69, 68, 74. 281: M Mouland 70, 73, 70, 68; P Linhart (Sp) 74, 69, 70, 68; J M Olazábal (Sp) 73, 71, 68, 69; F Nobilo (NZ) 73, 70, 69, 69; W Riley (Aus) 69, 71, 71, 70; H Clark 69, 69, 73, 70; C Rocca (It) 68, 69, 73, 71; C Montgomerie 70, 71, 70, 70; J Parnevik (Swe) 73, 68, 69, 71 282: M McLean 71, 72, 70, 69; B Lane 69, 73, 71, 69; R McFarlane 72, 68, 71, 71
CHART HILLS: Ford Classic: Final scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 277: L Fairclough 70, 68, 71, 68 278: F Descampe (Bel) 69, 67, 72, 70. 281: C Hjalmarsson (Swe) 71, 69, 75, 66 282: L Davies 73, 73, 67, 69; D Reid 72, 73, 66, 71. 283: C Dibnah (Aus) 74, 73, 69, 67; K Webb (Aus) 70, 70, 74, 69; T Loveys 68, 73, 73, 69; M-L de Lorenzi (Fr) 71, 74, 69, 69. T Johnson 71, 71, 69, 72. 284: K Davies 72, 72, 70, 70. 285: H Wadsworth 75, 71, 71, 68; M Koch (Ger) 72, 71, 70, 72. 286: S Prosser 72, 70, 74, 70, K Pearce (Aus) 76, 70, 69, 71. 287: K Orum (Den) 71, 74, 72, 70; E Orley (Switz) 72, 70, 73, 72; A Binghouse 76, 68, 71, 72; P Meunier (Fr) 76, 69, 69, 73; E Knuth (Sp) 69, 73, 71, 74: J Forbes 74, 70, 69, 74 288: S Waugh (Aus) 74, 68, 73, 73; K Marshall 74, 73, 68, 73 289: W Doolan (Aus) 70, 74, 70, 75 290: D Eckroth (US) 71, 75, 74, 70; J Soulsby 74, 71, 74, 71; L Tadiotto (Bel) 73, 73, 72, 72; D Barnard 71, 70, 74, 75; C Hall 72, 72, 70, 76. 291: S Robinson 76, 72, 75, 68; A Arruti (Sp) 73, 74, 70, 74; D Dowling 75, 72, 70, 74, L Navarro (Sp) 72, 73, 71, 75. 292: X Wunsch (Sp) 73, 74, 77, 68; P Rigby (Swe) 73, 72, 78 71; R Hetherington (Aus) 73, 74, 74, 71; S Gronberg (Swe) 76, 70, 73, 73; M Madill 74, 75, 70, 73; G Stewart 77, 72, 69, 74; J Arnold (NZ) 74, 71, 72, 75; R Lautens (Switz) 73, 74, 69, 76
HARRISON, New York: Westchester Buick Classic: Final (US unless stated): 278: V Singh (Fiji) 70, 69, 67, 72; D Martin 67, 70, 72, 69 (Singh won at fifth extra hole). 279: B Wadkins 72, 66, 69, 72. 280: N Faldo (GB) 70, 70, 68, 72; E Els (SA) 68, 69, 75, 68; D Pruitt 72, 69, 70, 69; F Funk 71, 68, 71, 70 281: B Glider 73, 70, 68, 70, D Duval 69, 75, 67, 70; B McCallister 69, 71, 69, 72; B Fleisher 68, 71, 69, 73. 282: C Stadler 70, 72, 71, 69; C Perry 69, 67, 74, 72. 283: T Lehman 70, 72, 73, 68, B Tway 73, 70, 68, 72; J McGovern 74, 70, 65, 74, S Lowery 73, 70, 66, 74. 284: L Janzen 73, 71, 69, 71; JP Hayes 73, 71, 69, 71; J Haas 70, 72, 70, 72; C Beck 69, 70, 72, 73; S Elkington (Aus) 71, 69, 70, 74. M Hulbert 68, 68, 73, 75; M Brisky 70, 72, 67, 75, D Ogrin 73, 68, 68, 75 Other scores: 286: G Waite (NZ) 68, 73, 72, 73. 288: N Ozaki (Japan) 72, 71, 68, 77 289: D Feherty (GB) 74, 71, 70, 74. 290: D Frost (SA) 71, 73, 75, 71. 293: F Allem (SA) 69, 70, 81, 73.
HILLSIDE: English Open amateur strokeplay championship: Final scores: 283: C Edwards (Bath) 73, 73, 70, 67; M Foster (Worksop) 69, 73, 70, 71 285: D Howell (Broome Manor) 70, 71, 73, 71. 287: B Howard (Cochrane Castle) 74, 73, 69, 71; G Wolstenholme (Bristol and Clifton) 73, 72, 69, 73 288: D Lynn (Trentham) 76, 71, 69, 72; S Griffiths (Wentworth) 71, 74, 71, 72, M Wheelhouse (NZ) 72, 73, 71, 72; M Cort (Birstall) 70, 75, 72, 71, G Clark (Pinner Hill) 69, 75, 71, 73 289: S Garcia (Sp) 76, 70, 72, 71. 293: W Bladon (Kenilworth) 74, 72, 73, 74; F Cea (Sp) 74, 69, 77, 73, R Godley (Hillside) 71, 72, 75, 75 294: A Reid (Kilmarnock Barassie) 72, 76, 72, 74; M Foster (Bradford) 72, 74, 73, 75, J-M De Polo (Fr) 72, 74, 75, 73, S Collingwood (Carholme) 72, 74, 72, 76 295: A McLure (Whickham) 77, 72, 74, 72; D Park (Burghill Valley) 79, 70, 73, 73. 296: M Blackey (Hayling) 75, 74, 72, 75, P Nelson (Renshaw Park) 78, 71, 75, 72, M Smith (Ross-on-Wye) 74, 74, 74, 74; S Taylor (Hillside) 72, 75, 74, 75 297: R Bland (Bramshott Hill) 73, 75, 74, 75; H McKibbin (Troon Welbeck) 76, 70, 75, 76; A Brotto (It) 71, 73, 80, 73.
MALVERN, Pennsylvania: Bell Atlantic Senior Classic: Final scores (US unless stated): 207: J Colbert 68, 71, 68. 208: JC Snead 66, 72, 70 209: J Nicklaus 72, 69, 68. 211: C Peete 71, 73, 67. Other scores: 213: L Trevino 69, 72, 72. 221: G Player (SA) 73, 75, 73; G Marsh 77, 70, 74
DAYTON, Ohio: LPGA Classic (US unless stated): 210: C Johnson 68, 75, 67 211: J Inkster 69, 68, 74 212: M Redman 72, 70, 70 213: D Coe-Jones (Can) 71, 75, 67 214: P Sheehan 70, 73 71; P Hurst 70, 70, 74 215: J Geddes 75, 71, 69, R Jones 71, 74, 70; T Green 71, 71, 73 Other scores: 217: L Neumann (Swe) 76, 68, 73; A Nicholas (GB) 72, 71, 74, L Walters (Can) 68, 74, 75. 219: C Matthew (GB) 72, 75, 72. 221: S Croce (It) 75, 71, 75; A Munt (Aus) 72, 72, 77. 222: E Dahllof (Swe) 74, 75, 73; J Crafter (Aus) 73, 75, 74; H Dobson (GB) 74, 72, 76. 223: S Maynor (GB) 74, 74, 75; J Wyatt (Can) 71, 75, 77. 226: A Dibos (Peru) 71, 77, 78
ABERDOVEY: Welsh women's championship: Second round: 146: V Thomas (Pennard) 76, 72. 157. J Lloyd (Royal Mid-Surrey) 74, 83. 158: L Dermott (Royal Liverpool) 77, 81; S O'Sullivan (Llanwern) 77, 81. 159: K Stark (Brynhill) 80, 79. 160: O Davies (Ashburnham) 80, 80; S Mountford (Tenby) 80, 80. 161: L Davies (Conwy) 82, 79. 162: D Richards (Bargoed) 79, 83. 163: B Jones (Denbigh) 79, 84 164: P Chugg (Whitchurch) 81, 83, A M Magee (Old Ford Manor) 85, 79. 165: C Thomas (Holyhead) 85, 80; L Isherwood (Royal Porthcawl) 80, 85 167: S Lovatt (Holywell) 83, 84; D Tuffnell (Aberdovey) 83, 84
GRAFTON MORRISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS: South-East area: 1, Forest 91pts: 2, King's Canterbury 88; 3, equal St Lawrence and Sutton Valence 82; 5, equal Chigwell and Lancing 80; 7, Ardingly 79. Best non-qualifier: Tonbridge 77

GYMNASTICS

HALIFAX: International match: Men: Great Britain 540.20pts; Hungary 546 65. Hungary won by 6.45 Individual placings: 1, Z Supola (Hun) 112.1; 2, L McDermott (GB) 109 1, 3, M Campbell (GB) 108.55, 4, S Csollanh (Hun) 108.5; 5, B Mravecz (Hun) 107.9; 6, P Bowler (GB) 106.8, 7, C Heap (GB) 106 6; 8, K Atherton (GB) 106.3

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Play-offs: Eastern Conference: Philadelphia 4 NY Rangers 3 (OT) (Philadelphia lead best-of-seven series 1-0) Western Conference: Detroit 6 San Jose 0 (Detroit lead 1-0); Chicago 2 Vancouver 1 (Chicago lead 1-0)

LACROSSE

MILTON KEYNES: National POP championships: Semi-finals: Cogan School (Penarth) 12 Penyhall School (Kent) 7 Galley School (Gatwick) 11 Johnsons (Scotland) 6 Final: Cogan 8 Galley 6

MOTOR RALLYING

LONDON TO MEXICO RALLY: Final positions: from after 42 stages: 1, H Mikkola (Fin) and G Palm (Swe) (Ford Escort) 8hr 54min 35sec; 2, R Dunkerton (Aus) and H Mansson (Aus) (Datsun 240Z) 9:06:54; 3, D Rainsford (Aus) and B Rainsford (Aus) (Ford Mustang) 9:42:36; 4, J Balazs (Hun) and A Jojart (Hun) (Porsche 911) 9:47:37; 5, T Fall (GB) and R Dixon (GB) (Volvo) 9:52:39; 6, J Leppard (GB) and N Starkey (GB) (Peugeot 504) 9:55:39; 7, B Hodgson (Aus) and P McClintock (Ire) (Ford Falcon) 9:56:15

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Hertfordshire county championship: 1, C Cheshire 191 20; 2, N Ball 190.21; 3, R Betts 185 16 Kent county championship: 1, P Bromley 150.25; 2, R Baker 149.20; 3 equal, P Griggs, C Weeden 148 20. Services team target rifle: 1, RAF TRC 1523 157pts (D Calvert 193.29), 2, Territorial Army 1486.125 (K Day 190 20); 3, Army TRC 1463 113 (G Clark 192.15); 4, RAF B 1452 104 (M Jenvey 184.14); 5, Royal Navy TRC 1448 114 (C Dickenson 188.22).

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Eastbourne 53 Oxford 43; Bradford 59 Reading 37; Swindon 58 Sheffield 38; Coventry 50 Belle Vue 46.
KING'S LYNN: Richard Knight farewell: 1, King's Lynn 53; 2, Ipswich 33; 3, Peterborough 22. CHALLENGE (Cradley Heath): Premier League Juniors 42 Mildenhall 38.
WROCLAW: International Grand Prix: First round: 1, T Gollob (Pol) 20pts; 2 H Nielsen (Den) 18; 3 C Louis (Eng) 17; 4 M Loram (Eng) 16; 5 T Rickardsson (Swe) 15.

TENNIS

ROME: Italian open: Final: T Muster (Austria) bt S Bruguera (Sp) 3-6, 7-6, 6-2, 6-3.
CORAL SPRINGS: Men's tournament: Final: T Woodbridge (Aus) bt G Rusedski (Can) 6-4, 6-2.

VOLLEYBALL

PARIS: World League: Pool A: Spain 0 Brazil 3; United States 3 Cuba 1 Pool B: Italy 3 Bulgaria 0; Holland 3 Greece 0. Pool C: Japan 1 Russia 3; China 3 S Korea 0.

FIXTURES

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three): Felling: Durham v Surrey; Swansea: Glamorgan v Yorkshire; Bristol: Gloucestershire v Essex; Canterbury: Kent v Sussex; Harrow: Middlesex v Northamptonshire; Taunton: Somerset v Lancashire; Solihull CC: Warwickshire v Hampshire; Worcester: Worcestershire v Leicestershire.

FOOTBALL

SKOL MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Studley BKL v Ansells (7.30)
SCHOOLS MATCH: Under-15 International: Ireland v England (at Tolka Park, Dublin 7.30).

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Welsh women's amateur championship (Aberdovey).
TENNIS: Women's tournament (Edinburgh)

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday, May 27
Coupon No. fixture, forecast

VICTORIA SECOND DIVISION
1 E Altona v Bell Park 1
2 Moorab'n v E Brunsw'k X
3 Nunaw'ing v C Hill 1
4 Regent v Chelsea X
5 Ringwood v Altona 1
6 Spr'gv'le W v Moor'lb'k 1
7 Wav'ley v E Richmond 1

VICTORIA THIRD DIVISION
8 Fitzroy v West Vale 2
9 Frankston v Melb'ne 2
10 Pascoe v Sunbury 1
11 Sand'ham v Keilor 2
12 Seaford U v S Caulf'd 1
13 S Danden'g v Eltham 1

VICTORIA FOURTH DIVISION
14 Geelong v S Heights 1
15 Langwarrin v Yarr'ville 2
16 Moribulk v Doveton 1
17 S Spr'gvale v Brighton 1
18 S Wantirna v Cranb'rn X
19 Stonn'ton v Corio X

VICTORIA FIFTH DIVISION
20 Geelong R v Sp'vale C 2
21 Glenroy v N Sunshine X
22 Heidelberg v Dand'n'g 1
23 Lalor v Ballarat 1
24 Melton v Old Scotch X
25 Mitcham v Brandon 1
26 Moreland v Knox Pk 1

VICTORIA SIXTH DIVISION
27 Hampton v Brunswick 2
28 Hoppers v Braeside 2
29 Keysboro v Berwick 2
30 Lyndale v E Nunawad'g 1
31 Meadow v Br'dm'dows 1
32 Monash v N Glenroy 2
33 Morn'ton v S Yarra 1

WEST AUSTRALIA FIRST DIVISION
34 Fremantle v Stir'g M 1
35 Inglewood v Stirling C 1
36 Spearwood v Athena V

WEST AUSTRALIA SECOND DIVISION
37 Balcatta v Southside 1
38 Cockburn v Ashfield 2
39 Dianella v Bassend'n 1
40 Kingsway v Melville X
41 N Perth v Morley 1
42 S Vardar v Rock'ham X

SOUTH AUSTRALIA PREMIER LEAGUE
43 Adelaide R v Salisbury X
44 B Eagles v Woodville 1
45 Modbury v Campb'll'n 2
46 Port Lion v Croydon 1

SOUTH AUSTRALIA FIRST DIVISION
47 Enfield v Noarlunga 1
48 Para Hills v Cumberl'd 1
49 Seaford v Plympton X
50 W Adel'de v Adel'de C 1
51 WT Birkalla v Olymp's 1

TASMANIA NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE
52 Burnie v St Leonards 1
53 Knights v Devonport 2
54 Somerset v George't'n 2
55 W Sub v Launceston X

TASMANIA SOUTH FIRST DIVISION
56 Dosa v Howrah X
57 Metro v Rapid 1
58 Taroona v W Eagle 1

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Moorabbin, Regent, South Wantirna, Stonnington, Glenroy, Melton, Kingsway, South Vardar, Adelaide Raiders, Seaford, Western Suburb, Dosa
BEST DRAWS: Regent, Stonnington, Melton, Kingsway, Seaford
AWAYS: West Vale, Keilor, Yarraville, Brunswick, Braeside, North Glenroy, Stirling Macedonia, Ashfield
HOMES: Nunawading, Seaford, Geelong, South Springvale, Heidelberg, Moreland, Meadow Park, Balcatta, Enfield, WT Birkalla, Metro, Taroona.

☐ Vince Wright

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Bath

Going: good to firm

2.15 (1m 5yd) 1, JALFREZI (J Weaver, 4-5 fav); 2, Wild Rita (T Quinn, 20-1); 3, Self Reliance (M Hills, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Anonym, 13-2 Best Of Bold (5th), 33 Miss Laughter (4th), Norfolk Glory (6th), Wychwood-Palace, 50 Ace Chapel, 100 Coastguards Haven, Flammant Rose, Glorious Bid, Vaporize. 13 ran. 1l, nk, 2l, 1¾l, 3½l. J Toller at Newmarket. Tote: £2.20; £1.40, £3.10, £1.60 DF £24.80. Trio: £28.90. CSF £19 20.

2.45 (5f 11yd) 1, EASTERN PROPHETS (Paul Eddery, 4-1); 2, Tadeo (R Hughes, 13-2), 3, Ice Pick (Pat Eddery, 4-7 fav) ALSO RAN: 7 Polly Golightly (4th), 33 Tin Man (5th), 66 Members Welcome (6th). 6 ran. 1½l, 1½l, 1l, 12l, ½l. G Lewis at Epsom Tote: £5.30; £2.20, £2.20. DF £12.90. CSF. £25.91

3.15 (1m 2f 46yd) 1, EASY LISTENING (Pat Eddery, 5-4 fav); 2, Paddy's Return (R Cochrane, 6-1); 3, Backview (R Price, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Typhoon Eight (6th). 5 Persian Saint, 16 Frome Lad, 20 Ziro, 25 Perfect Ending, 33 Sure Care (4th), 50 Adjacent Too, Commander Glen, Fabillon (5th), Peatsville, Rubadub, Shepherds Rest, Trapeze, Western Country. 17 ran. 3l, 4l, ½l, 3½l, 1¾l. R Charlton at Beckhampton. Tote £2.60, £1.50, £1.70, £7.30. DF £11.50. Trio: £167.90. CSF £9.87.

3.45 (5f 161yd) 1, TINKER OSMASTON (J Williams, 14-1); 2, Half Tone (S Lanigan, 7-1); 3, Oggi (J Weaver, 5-2 fav) ALSO RAN. 7 Absolutely Fabulus, 8 Cedar Girl, Grand Time (6th), 10 Seaside Minstrel (4th), 11 Runs In The Family, 12 Leguard Express, 14 Dry Point, Lorins Gold (5th), 16 Manor Adventure, 25 Certificate-X, 50 Havana Miss 14 ran. 1¼l, 1¾l, 1½l, hd, ½l. M Saunders at Wells. Tote: £34.60; £6.40, £2.70, £1.70. DF £119.90. Trio: £163.10 CSF: £108 46. Tricast: £306.66

4.15 (1m 5f 22yd) 1, RASAYEL (T Quinn, 7-2); 2, Wild Strawberry (S Sanders, 9-4 fav); 3, Wizzy Lizzy (J Williams, 16-1). ALSO RAN. 11-4 Uncharted Waters (6th). 8 Grandes Oreilles (5th), 12 Legendra (4th), Regal Pursuit, 20 Rumpus. 8 ran 1¾l, 3½l, 1½l, 1¾l, hd P Evans at Welshpool Tote £4.00; £1 70, £1 40, £1 80 DF: £5.00. CSF: £11.48. Tricast: £98.95.

4.45 (5f 11yd) 1, SIZZLING (J Reid, 16-1); 2, Southern Dominion (T Sprake, 8-1); 3, Midnight Break (Pat Eddery, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Youdontsay (4th), 9-2 Rolling, 6 Portelet, 8 Magical Manoeuvers, 9 Sally Weld, 14 Saatchmo, 16 La Belle Dominique, 20 Cork Street Girl (5th), 50 Crowded Avenue (6th), 66 Master M-E-N. 13 ran. 1l, 1l, 1l, sh hd, ¾l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £15.90; £3.00, £2.40, £2 40 DF: £174.00. Trio not won (pool of £833 80 carried forward to 2.40 at Goodwood today). CSF: £138.81.

5.15 (1m 5yd) 1, VANBOROUGH LAD (J Reid, 8-1); 2, Wentbridge Lad (R Hughes, 11-2), 3, Dungeon Dancer (W Newnes, 25-1); 4, Master Millfield (J Weaver, 4-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Fleet Cadet, 7 Almapa, Ring The Chief, 14 Legendary Leap, Peter Rowley, 16 Runic Symbol (5th), Shaynes Domain, 20 Born To Please, Dominion's Dream, 25 Noeprob (6th), 50 Esthal, Jarzinho, Surgiva. 17 ran NR: Whatever's Right Sh hd, nk, 1¾l, nk, ½l M Bolton at Shrewton. Tote: £8.50; £2.10, £2.00, £4 80, £1.90. DF: £18.10. Trio: £104.50. CSF: £51.71. Tricast: £991.42.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £5,304.94 carried forward to Goodwood today).

Placepot: £317.50. Quadpot: £26.20.

Wolverhampton

Going: standard

2.30 (1m 100yd) 1, AYUNLI (D Wright, 15-2): 2, Heathyards Lady (T Ives, 3-1 fav); 3, My Gallery (G Carter, 9-1) ALSO RAN: 6 Bakers Daughter, Rieba (5th), 9 Pacific Spirit, Roseveer (4th), 11 Sand Star, 14 Legatee, Mam'zelle Angot, 25 Bex Hill (6th), 33 Gwernymynydd, Mutinique. 13 ran 4l, hd, 2½l, nk, 6l S Williams at Newmarket. Tote: £10.70; £2.00, £2 30, £5.00. DF £27.30. Trio: £127 30. CSF: £29.96 Tricast: £194 51.

3.00 (2m 46yd) 1, ACROW LINE (A Mackay, 7-1); 2, Gunmaker (T Williams, 33-1); 3, Carfax (J Carroll, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Ehtefaal (4th), 5-2 El Nido, 5 Epica, 12 Fruitful Affair, 14 Saahi (5th), 20 Desert President, 33 Chasmarella (6th), Lasbas, Moneghetti. 12 ran. 4l, 10l, 1½l, 11l, nk. D Burchell at Ebbw Vale. Tote: £5 20; £1.20, £8.80, £16.00. DF: £62.50. Trio: £227.40 (part won; pool of £262.66 carried forward to 2.40 at Goodwood today). CSF: £180.90.

3.30 (1m 1f 79yd) 1, BARDON HILL BOY (J Tate, 8-1); 2, Heathyards Rock (T Ives, 7-4 fav); 3, Dangerous Guest (G Duffield, 2-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Nigel's Lad (6th), 7 Komreyev Dancer, 10 Hotspur Street (5th), 50 Mega Tid (4th). 7 ran. 6l, sh hd, 3l, 3l, 10l. B Hanbury at Newmarket. Tote: £11.60; £2.50, £2.00. DF: £15.70. CSF: £23.46.

4.00 (6f) 1, DOUBLE POINT (M Fenton, 7-4 fav); 2, Scathebury (W Ryan, 9-2); 3, Capilano Princess (A Mackay, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Miletrian City, 8 U-No-Harry, 12 Cinnamon Stick, Colour Counsellor (5th), Don't Forget Mikie (5th), Miss Offset, 33 Briganoone (4th). 50 Pulga Circo, Wingnut. 12 ran. ½l, 2¼l, 3½l, nk, dd ht. M Bell at Newmarket. Tote: £2.40; £1.60, £2.90, £8.50. DF: £18.10. Trio. £107.00. CSF: £11.12.

4.30 (6f) 1, MOI CANARD (J Carroll, 2-5 fav); 2, Merlin's Honour (J Stack, 20-1); 3, Magic Bird (G Hind, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Iron And Steel (5th), 10 Brass'O'Shieldhill (4th). 50 Melos (6th). 6 ran 5l, 3l, 8l, 1l, 12l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £1.30; £1.20, £4.10. DF: £7.20. CSF: £8.77.

5.00 (5f) 1, KING RAMBO (W Ryan, 7-2); 2, The Institute Boy (S Webster, 12-1); 3, The Real Whizzbang (P McCabe, 15-8 fav). ALSO RAN. 9-2 Sing With The Band (6th), 12 Uoc (4th), Purple Fling (5th), 14 Statomist, 25 Farndale, Gate Of Heaven, Miami Banker, 33 Our Mica. 11 ran. Hd, 1¾l, 3l, hd, 3l. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. Tote: £4.40; £1.90, £3.70, £1.10. DF: £35.70. Trio: £37.80. CSF. £40.95. Tricast: £92.31.

Placepot: £232.80. Quadpot: £30.60.

Edinburgh

Going: good to firm

6.30 (5f) 1, Happy Tycoon (D Holland, 7-4 fav); 2, Bit Of Bother (7-2); 3, Wee Tinkerbell (33-1) 9 ran. 1¾l, hd. M Heaton-Ellis. Tote: £3.20, £1.20, £1.80, £4 00 DF: £7.30 Trio: £85.20. CSF: £8 51.

Warwick

Going: good

6.15 (2m 4f 110yd) 1, Blue Cheek (Mr N Bradley, 7-2); 2, Causeway Cruiser (9-1); 3, Anjubi (16-1). Bironi 7-4 fav (ur). 14 ran. NR: Seal King, Wildnita. 10l, 10l. J Mahon. Tote: £3.90; £1.50, £1.80, £9.80. DF: £11.00. Trio: £59.40. CSF: £31.47.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Illingworth makes milk race break

MATTHEW ILLINGWORTH, of Britain, won the 105-mile third stage of the FBD Irish Milk Race from Tuam to Tipperary, yesterday, after breaking clear of the field with Ray Eden, a fellow Essex amateur cyclist, six miles from the finish. The 800-mile event, which ends on Sunday, is making an anti-clockwise tour of the country.

Victory moved Illingworth — who had finished third in the second stage on Sunday — from eleventh place at the day's start to fifth overall, 1min 08sec down on the new race leader, Finn O'Sullivan, who is riding for Dublin. Irish riders had previously held the top six overall positions.

Early exit for Thomas

GOLF: Vicki Thomas, 40, the former Curtis Cup player from the Pennard Club, Swansea, was a surprising loser at the Welsh women's championship at Aberdovey yesterday. Thomas, winner of the title eight times, lost at the first extra hole to Sue Lovatt, 34, from Holywell. Lovatt completed her day by reaching the semi-finals with a 3 and 2 victory over Denise Richards, the Wales international.

Mikkola repeats victory

MOTOR RALLYING: Hannu Mikkola, of Finland, and Gunnar Palm, of Sweden, repeated their 1970 London-Mexico rally triumph yesterday — two years after coming out of retirement. The pair led for most of the 30 days of the 25th anniversary event through 18 countries. Driving a Ford Escort, they finished nearly 48 minutes ahead of the Datsun driver, Ross Dunkerton and Harry Mansson, of Australia.

Rominger sprints clear

CYCLING: A fine time-trial performance yesterday helped Tony Rominger, of Switzerland, to more than double his lead in the Giro d'Italia. He covered the 42-kilometre course at Telese Terme in 51min 54sec, beating last year's race winner, Evgeny Berzin, of Russia, by 1min 24sec. Francesco Casagrande, of Italy, Rominger's chief rival, was 1min 43sec down after starting the tenth stage 1min 17sec in arrears.

RESULTS FROM COMPANY GOLF DAYS

The four top scorers in the individual Stableford competitions played on the company golf days listed below now comprise the company team eligible to qualify for a regional final.

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Date	Company Name		Venue	Score
MAY 3	CITROEN FINANCE		CARLISLE	122
	1. John Bradley 35	2. Steve Frost* 35		
	3. Andrew Elliott* 33	4. Peter Sale 19		
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MAY 9	FILA (UK) LTD		MENTMORE G & C	141
	1. Howard Wetter 35	2. Neil Odom* 36		
	3. Gary Lineker* 36	4. Robin Tivey 33		
[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
MAY 11	ETERNIT CLAY TILES		HAWKSTONE PARK	144
	1. J Howard* 39	2. G Reed* 37		
	3. N Harrison 37	4. D Graham 31		
[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
MAY 11	KPMG		FOREST OF ARDEN	135
	1. Chris Starr* 39	2. James Bentley 34		
	3. Ian Page* 32	4. Kit Mundy 30		
[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
MAY 12	PINEWOOD		MILL RIDE	150
	1. Jeff Dartnall 40	2. Derek Crane* 38		
	3. Bob Parker* 36	4. John White 36		
[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
MAY 15	GORDON BROWN & ASSOCIATES LTD		STOKE POGES	114
	1. Alan St Jean* 32	2. Neil Oddy* 32		
	3. Gordon Brown 26	4. Steve Cartwright 24		
[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
MAY 16	LAING HOMES LTD		MENTMORE G & C	151
	1. Phillip Carter* 42	2. Ray Barnham* 39		
	3. Tony Gregory 38	4. Roy Willer 32		
[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
MAY 17	ITT LONDON & EDINBURGH		BURHILL	129
	1. R Sharpe 34	2. G Baty 33		
	3. N Ridley 32	4. N Rycroft 30		
[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
MAY 17	MCKENNA & CO		MENTMORE G & C	148
	1. Mick Brown 39	2. Phillip Morris* 37		
	3. William Webb* 36	4. Jon Vivian 35		
[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
MAY 18	SECURICOR SECURITY SERVICES		MENTMORE G & C	139
	1. David Bewerman* 39	2. Peter Edgington 37		
	3. Bob Wood* 38	4. Kenneth Briggs 32		
[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
MAY 18	MANCHESTER PUBLICITY ASSOC		WILMSLOW	148
	1. J Smallwood* 44	2. M Hall* 39		
	3. R Wiltshire 35	4. E Wright 30		
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MAY 18	MEESPIERSON SECURITIES (UK) LTD		WILDERNESSE	139
	1. R Davidson* 37	2. D Evans* 37		
	3. Baron van Till 33	4. H Plugge 32		
[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
MAY 19	HANCOCKS		ROTHLEY PARK	144
	1. A Satterthwaite* 38	2. Andrew Hancock 37		
	3. S Clapp* 36	4. Mark Watson 33		
[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
MAY 19	ERNST & YOUNG		BOWOOD G & C	119
	1. Nigel Paddicombe* 34	2. Roy Butler* 33		
	3. Steve Lamb 26	4. Richard Jones 26		
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JULIAN HERBERT



Carnegie, nearside, winning last season's Forte Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, makes his reappearance in the Coronation Cup at Epsom

Derby rehearsal for Jarnet

By Julian Muscat

THIERRY JARNET, the regular rider of Pennekamp, is to reacquaint himself with the Derby course and distance when he rides Carnegie in the Coronation Cup on June 10.

The undulating 12-furlong circuit at Epsom has proved the undoing of many a jockey unfamiliar with the course. Jarnet, who has partnered the Derby favourite on each of his six racecourse outings, has already tasted victory at the track. But the French champion jockey will be grateful for the experience less than two hours before Pennekamp attempts to add the Derby to his victory in the 2,000 Guineas.

Connections of Pennekamp have resisted the temptation to replace Jarnet with a more experienced rider. André Fabre, who trains the colt, yesterday maintained he was not unduly worried by Jarnet's relative lack of experience around Epsom. "He has won a Coronation Cup on Apple Tree and is not a bad rider for a French jockey. His judgment of a race has improved in the last two seasons."

If Fabre's comments do not exactly constitute a supreme vote of confidence, his antipathy towards jockeys — French jockeys in particular — has become the stuff of legend. A big Derby field looks unlikely, and that will help Jarnet to restrain Pennekamp until the closing stages of the race.

"Pennekamp tends to idle when he is in front," said Fabre, who has been working on this aspect of the colt's character. "I want him to be happy when he sees daylight but it is not easy. He cannot keep working with two bad horses and quickening past them. It is not enough for him; he needs to do more." So much so that Pennekamp is shortly to be tested with a top-class older stablemate over ten furlongs.

Pennekamp's 2,000 Guineas preparation saw him engage in plenty of speed work with Diffident over five furlongs. However, since his Newmarket defeat of Celtic Swing, the son of Bering has been galloping over longer distances around left-handed turns. "He has pleased me since his Newmarket race," the trainer added.

Pennekamp's stablemate, Diamond Mix, has yet to be confirmed a definite runner in the Derby. Fabre derives encouragement from the colt's style of racing but harbours reservations about the Prix Greffulhe winner staying the trip. Should Walk On Mix, in the same ownership, work satisfactorily in advance of the French Derby, Diamond Mix will run at Epsom. Otherwise, Diamond Mix, as low as 12-1 for the Derby, is to miss the race in favour of the French classic.

Spectrum, who impressed Fabre in the Irish 2,000 Guineas on Sunday, was backed for the Derby with William Hill yesterday and is now a 4-1 chance from a point longer. "He looked a good horse at the Curragh but, like Pennekamp, there is a question mark over his stamina," Fabre said.

Peter Chapple-Hyam, who trains Spectrum, was to discuss the colt's participation at Epsom with Lord Weinstock and his son, Arnold, last night. However, it will be a big surprise if Spectrum is denied his chance, particularly with Celtic Swing yet to be confirmed a Derby runner.

Jarnet, for his part, can hardly regard Carnegie's outing in the Coronation Cup as merely a dress rehearsal for the Derby. Fabre said that Carnegie, winner of the Forte Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, might need the run at Epsom. The four-year-old, described by his trainer as a lazy horse at home, has the Arc as his principal target, although the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot is also on his agenda.

Nap: HAM N'EGGS
(4.10 Goodwood)
Next best: Kassbaan
(5.20 Goodwood)

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market

GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

	Corals	Hills	Ladbrokes
Aqaarid	2-1	2-1	2-1
Moonshell	11-4	5-2	2-1
Pure Grain	7-1	6-1	7-1
Caramba	12-1	14-1	12-1
Dance A Dream	33-1	33-1	16-1
Musetta	50-1	33-1	33-1
Honfleur	33-1	50-1	40-1
Lyonushka	33-1	33-1	40-1
Sama Veda	33-1	50-1	40-1
Asterita	33-1	33-1	50-1

IT HAS long been said that the Guineas' are the best guide to the Epsom classics. This year the bookmakers seem to have taken that idea to extremes, for just as the ante-post market for the Derby has been dominated by the first two home in the 2,000 Guineas, the second and third in the 1,000 Guineas have held a stranglehold on betting for the Oaks.

Aqaarid has been favourite for the Oaks since her staying-on second to Harayir in the 1,000 Guineas, her first defeat, and she should be well served by the extra furlongs at Epsom, [illegible] However, [illegible] remembering that she was [illegible] last September [illegible] stuck in running. Moonshell [illegible] on her [illegible] longer [illegible]. She was [illegible] dead ground at Doncaster [illegible] may prove best with cut [illegible]. However the Musidora S[illegible] best Oaks trial. Pure Grain [illegible] loomed up alongside her in [illegible] battled on most determinedly [illegible] line for [illegible] length success [illegible] slowly-run [illegible] first two pulled [illegible] useful Musetta, and Pure Grain is sure to be even more effective given a stiffer test of stamina.

With so few [illegible] holding a [illegible] in the Oaks, PURE GRAIN represents a solid each-way investment at 8-1 with Hills.

BEVERLEY

THUNDERER

2.25 Jambo. 2.55 Shayim. 3.25 Hunters Of Brora. 3.55 Poly Road. 4.25 Green Land. 5.00 Lucky Parkes.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS
DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.25 TIGER INN SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,756: 5f) (8 runners)

1 (2) PATRINGTON BOY M W Easterby 8-11 ... S Maloney –
2 (4) 1232 PENNY PARKES 14 (D,F) J Berry 8-11 ... J Carroll [illegible]
3 (5) 0 PROPOLIS POWER 10 M W Easterby 8-11 ... M Birch –
4 (3) TIMSON J Leigh 8-11 ... Dean McKeown –
5 (6) 3 APRIL'S JOY 14 J Norton 8-6 ... A Culhane 97
6 (7) DOUG'S FOLLY M W Easterby 8-6 ... L Charnock –
7 (1) JAMBO M Channon 8-6 ... C Rutter –
8 (8) 03 VESHCA LADY 15 E Weymes 8-6 ... K Darley 91

2-1 Penny Parkes, 3-1 Jambo, 7-2 Veshca Lady, 4-1 April's Joy, 10-1 Timson, Doug's Folly, 12-1 others.

2.55 WINDMILL INN MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,789: 7f 100yd) (7)

1 (2) GOLDEN TONGUE E Dunlop 9-0 ... J Tate (3) –
2 (7) 00 RAAYAAT 16 A Stewart 9-0 ... B Thomson 74
3 (5) 2- SHAYIM 206 R Armstrong 9-0 ... R Price [illegible]
4 (1) 0 VERDE LUNA 22 M Tompkins 9-0 ... P Robinson 73
5 (6) 60-5 YOUNG BENSON 15 B McMahon 9-0 ... T Ives 84
6 (4) 0400 PENNY'S WISHING 15 J Leigh 8-9 ... Dean McKeown 78
7 (3) TAP ON TOOTSIE I Campbell 8-9 ... D Harrison –

5-4 Shayim, 7-2 Golden Tongue, 9-2 Verde Luna, 5-1 Raayaat, 7-1 Young Benson, 20-1 Penny's Wishing, 25-1 Tap On Tootsie.

3.25 DAVID SWANNELL MEMORIAL RATED HANDICAP (£8,054: 1m 100yd) (5)

1 (3) 0-03 PINKERTON'S PAL 6 (F) C Brittain 4-9-7 ... B Doyle [illegible]
2 (1) 0-24 MOVING ARROW 25 (BF,G) Miss S Hall 4-9-4 ... N Connorton 97
3 (2) 000- RIVER BOARD 206 (C,F) W Haggas 5-8-13 ... K Darley 97
4 (4) 20-2 HUNTERS OF BRORA 15 (D,F,S) J Bethell 5-8-11 ... T Ives 98
5 (5) -000 PROMISE FULFILLED 12 (F,S) S Norton 4-8-7 ... K Fallon 92

2-1 Hunters Of Brora, 9-4 Moving Arrow, 11-4 Pinkerton's Pal, 6-1 River Board, 8-1 Promise Fulfilled.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 16 winners from 41 runners, 39.0%; R Armstrong, 3 from 11, 27.3%; M Channon, 10 from 40, 25.0%; J Fanshawe, 7 from 29, 24.1%; C Brittain, 5 from 31, 16.1%; J Berry, 21 from 140, 15.0%; B Hills, 3 from 20, 15.0%.

JOCKEYS: B Doyle, 4 winners from 16 rides, 25.0%; A McGlone, 6 from 28, 21.4%; R Cochrane, 9 from 43, 20.9%; D Holland, 12 from 59, 20.3%; K Darley, 42 from 241, 17.4%; A Mackay, 5 from 32, 15.6%.

3.55 ANGEL FILLIES HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,841: 1m 1f 207yd) (10)

1 (1) 53-6 PENNYCAIRN 21 H Cecil 9-7 ... A McGlone 90
2 (5) 00-6 BARFORD SOVEREIGN 15 J Fanshawe 9-6 ... D Harrison 93
3 (8) 540- BLUE NILE 232 (BF) A Stewart 9-0 ... B Thomson 83
4 (9) 0-50 IT'S ACADEMIC 15 Mrs J Ramsden 8-12 ... K Fallon 87
5 (2) 40-3 HYDROFOIL 15 B Hills 8-10 ... D Holland 89
6 (10) 1423 POLY ROAD 8 (BF,G) M Channon 8-7 ... C Rutter [illegible]
7 (7) 3203 GREY AGAIN 10 (B,G) S Bowring 8-5 ... C Teague (5) 93
8 (4) -445 WESTERN HORIZON 28 C Brittain 8-1 ... J Quinn 96
9 (3) 061- INSTANTANEOUS 299 (G) M H Easterby 7-12 ... L Charnock 92
10 (6) 00-0 SCYLLA 122 P Haslam 7-11 ... T Williams 87

7-2 Pennycairn, 4-1 Western Horizon, Hydrofoil, 5-1 Poly Road, 8-1 It's Academic, Instantaneous, Grey Again, 10-1 others.

4.25 ROSE & CROWN HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,394: 1m 3f 216yd) (13)

1 (3) 0-21 WESTMINSTER 12 (V,D,F) M Tompkins 9-7 ... P Robinson 97
2 (7) -034 LUCKY COIN 6 C Brittain 9-4 ... B Doyle 93
3 (4) 8005 CHINA MAIL 14 J Eustace 9-3 ... R Cochrane 93
4 (1) 3034 TOP FELLA 15 (B) W O'Gorman 8-13 ... Emma O'Gorman 92
5 (5) 0-02 GREEN LAND 18 S Williams 8-10 ... K Darley 98
6 (11) 04-0 BOWCLIFFE COURT 36 B Hills 8-10 ... D Holland 85
7 (2) -048 KILDRUMMY CASTLE 25 (BF) Mrs J Ramsden 8-8 ... K Fallon 93
8 (9) 05-0 DANUS REX 14 C Smith 8-5 ... D R McCabe (3) 94
9 (10) 540- HEAVENS ABOVE 248 M H Easterby 8-5 ... S Maloney [illegible]
10 (13) 0-44 MIM-LOU-AND 49 B Millman 7-8 ... T Williams 98
11 (12) 80-6 CONEYGREE 48 J Wharton 7-8 ... J Quinn 86
12 (8) 3555 FOOLS OF PRIDE 52 R Hollinshead 7-7 ... N Carlisle 88
13 (6) 2560 WARRIOR LADY 59 P McBride 7-7 ... M Baird (5) 94

5-1 Westminster, 6-1 Kildrummy Castle, Top Fella, 7-1 Lucky Coin, Green Land, Mim-Lou-And, 8-1 China Mail, 12-1 others.

5.00 ROYAL STANDARD CONDITIONS STAKES
(£4,822: 5f) (6)

1 (6) 55-3 YA MALAK 32 (CD,F,G,S) J Payne 4-10-0 ... B Thomson 92
2 (3) 0050 CALL ME I'M BLUE 7 (D,G,S) N Tinkler 5-9-13 ... M Tebbutt 76
3 (1) -511 LUCKY PARKES 10 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 5-9-9 ... J Carroll [illegible]
4 (4) 1012 ZIGGY'S DANCER 17 (G) E Alston 4-9-4 ... K Fallon 84
5 (2) 142- CROFTERS CEILIDH 258 (D,F) B McMahon 3-8-12 ... K Darley 93
6 (5) 0-33 DON'T WORRY ME 15 (D,F) F Lee 3-8-10 ... P Robinson 95

9-4 Lucky Parkes, 5-2 Ya Malak, 7-2 Crofters Ceilidh, 9-2 Ziggy's Dancer, 5-1 Don't Worry Me, 8-1 Call Me I'm Blue.

Blinkered first time

GOODWOOD: 2.40 Dancing Heart. 4.10 Chickewicka. 4.45 Alpine.

Brief Glimpse returns

BRIEF GLIMPSE goes on trial for Royal Ascot when she makes her reappearance in the Crawley Warren Heron Stakes at Kempton Park on Saturday. The winner of the Weatherbys Super Sprint Trophy at Newbury last season, Brief Glimpse was forced to miss the Madagans 1,000 Guineas because of a setback and has not run since last October.

Her trainer, David Chappell, said yesterday: "Brief Glimpse will run at Kempton on Saturday. She missed cantering for a week but she is extremely well now. We've got to run her if we are going to go to Royal Ascot, where she may possibly run in the Coronation Stakes."

GOODWOOD

THUNDERER

2.10 Bibliotheque
2.40 Shahid
3.10 Wisam
3.40 ISTIDAAD (nap)
4.10 Pay Homage
4.45 Alpine
5.20 Kassbaan

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.10 Bibliotheque. 3.40 Pentire. 5.20 Kassbaan.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.10 BIBLIOTHEQUE.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 TREHEARNE & NORMAN MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,218: 1m) (9 runners)

101 (2) 05- ALMOND ROCK 209 (C/T Racing Ltd) J Fanshawe 9-0 ... T Quinn 96
102 (9) 04 EDAN HEIGHTS 19 (T Mountain) S Dow 9-0 ... Stephen Davies 85
103 (1) 0- FIRST ISLAND 270 (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 9-0 ... M Hills –
104 (4) 0- IKTAMAL 209 (M Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 9-0 ... W R Swinburn –
105 (3) 00 IRONIC 19 (Lady Tennant) R Hannon 9-0 ... J Reid –
106 (8) 3 KILCORAN BAY 15 (N Harris) I Balding 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 85
107 (5) 4530-00 OUTSTAYED WELCOME 36 (Mrs B Bell) M Haynes 9-0 ... D Biggs 79
108 (7) 3 BIBLIOTHEQUE 18 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-9 ... L Dettori [illegible]
109 (6) 3- DIVINE PURSUIT 222 (BF) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 8-9 ... W Ryan 89

BETTING: 11-4 Bibliotheque, 3-1 Divine Pursuit, 4-1 Kilcoran Bay, 7-1 Iktamal, First Island, 8-1 Almond Rock, 10-1 others.

1994: POTENTATE 9-0 T Quinn (7-2) P Cole 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALMOND ROCK 13l 5th of 13 to Peace Envoy in a maiden at Yarmouth (7f, good) with IKTAMAL 9l 9th. EDAN HEIGHTS 9¾l 4th of 11 to Mary's Way in a maiden at Salisbury (1m, good to firm) with IRONIC 5¾l 9th.
FIRST ISLAND 9½l 9th of 11 to Classic Cliche in a maiden at Newmarket (7f, good).
KILCORAN BAY 4¾l 3rd of 9 to Tertium in a maiden at Kempton (1m, good to firm). BIBLIOTHEQUE 1l 3rd of 8 to Moonlight Saunter in a maiden at Newmarket (7f, good). DIVINE PURSUIT 2l 3rd of 5 to Crystal Cavern in a maiden at Redcar (7f, good).
Selection: BIBLIOTHEQUE

2.40 CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE HANDICAP BBC1
(3-Y-O: £11,453: 7f) (11 runners)

201 (10) 202-111 SHAHID 10 (D,F) (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-7 ... W Carson 95
202 (8) 61421-0 JIBEREEN 16 (G,S) (P Skelton) G Lewis 9-5 ... S Whitworth 92
203 (2) 3126-0 MASRUF 10 (F) (H Al Maktoum) T Thomson Jones 9-4 ... R Hills 87
204 (3) 426-6 CHATTAROY 32 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-12 ... L Dettori 89
205 (4) 40214-0 TE AMO 24 (D,B) (Feroray Ltd) R Akehurst 8-11 ... J Weaver 88
206 (1) 320-401 CHRISTMAS KISS 16 (F) (P Pritchard) R Hannon 8-8 ... Dane O'Neill (7) 95
207 (7) 4-521 JAM N SHADEED 15 (F) (T Liang) P Cole 8-6 ... T Quinn 98
208 (9) 016- GREEN CITY 227 (C,F) (P Crane) R Hannon 8-6 ... J Reid 93
209 (11) 0331-03 EMIRATES EXPRESS 14 (D,S) (A Al Maktoum) J Hills 8-5 ... M Henry (7) 97
210 (8) 3650-41 DANCING HEART 3 (B,D,F) (Vintage Services) B Meehan 8-0 (5ex) ... Paul Eddery [illegible]
211 (5) 63513-0 Q FACTOR 13 (S) (H Collis) D Haydn Jones 7-13 ... A Mackay 92

BETTING: 2-1 Shahid, 5-1 Christmas Kiss, Emirates Express, 6-1 Jam N Shadeed, Chattaroy, 8-1 Q Factor, Dancing Heart, 10-1 others.

1994: MYSTIC HILL 8-12 Pat Eddery (2-1) R Charlton 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

SHAHID beat Mochtarak 1¼l in an 8-runner handicap at Lingfield (7f, firm) with MASRUF (10lb better off) 17l 8th. JIBEREEN beat Shen Yang 1¼l in a 6-runner conditions race at Brighton (6f, good) on penultimate start.
CHATTAROY 12l 13th of 14 to Crumpton Hill in a handicap at Newbury (1m, good to firm). CHRISTMAS KISS beat Silver Sting 3l in a 15-runner maiden at Salisbury (6f, good to firm). JAM N SHADEED beat Proud Image neck in a 7-runner maiden at Warwick (1m, firm). GREEN CITY beat Merry Oaks head in a 7-runner maiden here (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. EMIRATES EXPRESS 2¼l 3rd of 12 to Classicy in a handicap at Chester (7f 122yd, good to firm). DANCING HEART (awarded race) after head 2nd of 15 to Apolono in a handicap at Lingfield (7f, good to firm). Q FACTOR 6¾l 3rd of 12 to Go Hever Golf in a handicap at Chester (6f, good to firm).
Selection: SHAHID

3.10 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND CLIVE GRAHAM MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,744: 5f) (7 runners) BBC1

301 (1) 4 CASTAN 16 (J Hartnett) J Dunlop 9-0 ... W Carson [illegible]
302 (7) DUNCOMBE HALL (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0 ... J Weaver –
303 (3) 0 HEVER GOLF EXPRESS 38 (Hever Racing Club II) T Naughton 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 77
304 (4) WISAM (M Suhail) R Hannon 9-0 ... W R Swinburn –
305 (6) MIMOSA (G Steinberg) L Holt 8-9 ... J Reid –
306 (2) PRINCESS PAMGADDY (Theobalds Stud) J Berry 8-9 ... G Carter –
307 (5) RELIABLE EDIE (G Butterfield) J Fitch-Heyes 8-9 ... L Dettori –

BETTING: 11-4 Princess Pamgaddy, 7-2 Castan, Wisam, 4-1 Hever Golf Express, 6-1 others.

1994: SONIC BOY 9-0 R Cochrane (4-1) R Johnson Houghton 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

CASTAN about 8½l 4th of 6 to Ortolan in a conditions race at Salisbury (5f, good to firm). DUNCOMBE HALL (foaled Apr 22). First known foal by Salse; dam multiple 1m 2f/1m 4f winner. HEVER GOLF EXPRESS 7¼l 12th of 20 to Amaretto Bay in a maiden at Kempton (5f, good to firm). WISAM (May 7). Half-brother by Shaadi to Mithl Al Hawa, useful 6f juvenile winner and Moon King, very useful juvenile who was runner-up in the Group 3 Coventry Stakes; dam 5f juvenile winner, successful over 6f in listed company at three years. MIMOSA (Feb 12, cost 12,500gns). By Midyan; dam, half-sister to top-class middle-distance performer Electric, seemed of little account. PRINCESS PAMGADDY (Apr 13, 9,200gns). Half-sister by Petong to Pageboy, multiple 5f/6f winner from two to six years. RELIABLE EDIE (Mar 25). Half-sister by Hadeer to Exotic Forest, 1m winner at three years; dam 1m 2f winner at four years.
Selection: CASTAN

3.40 WESTMINSTER TAXI INSURANCE PREDOMINATE STAKES (Listed race: 3-Y-O colts and geldings: £22,320: 1m 2f) (6 runners) BBC1

401 (4) 1330-11 PENTIRE 12 (D,F,G) (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 9-0 ... M Hills [illegible]
402 (5) 143148- FAHAL 213 (C,F,G) (H Al Maktoum) D Morley 8-11 ... W Carson 86
403 (1) 52 HORESTI 24 (Dayspring Ltd) C Brittain 8-8 ... L Dettori 72
404 (6) 222-21 ISTIDAAD 16 (F) (H Al Maktoum) A Stewart 8-8 ... R Hills 90
405 (2) 2-1 ROMANZOF 26 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-8 ... M J Kinane 79
406 (3) 11-5 WIJARA 33 (G,S) (M Suhail) R Hannon 8-8 ... R Perham 89

BETTING: 10-11 Pentire, 4-1 Romanzof, 5-1 Wijara, 11-2 Istidaad, 6-1 Horesti, Fahal

1994: OPERA SCORE 8-8 Pat Eddery (4-1) H Cecil 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

PENTIRE completed double beat Sanoosea 1¾l in a 5-runner listed race at Chester (1m 2f 75yd, good to firm). FAHAL about 3¼l 4th of 8 to Eltish in the group II Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot (1m, good to soft) on penultimate start, Sep 1994. HORESTI 7l dead-heated 2nd of 13 to In Camera in a maiden at Leicester (1m 2f, good to firm).
ISTIDAAD beat Pedraza neck in a 12-runner maiden at Salisbury (1m 4f, good to firm). ROMANZOF beat Tillandsia ½l in a 9-runner maiden at Beverley (1m 100yd, good to firm). WIJARA 9¾l 5th of 7 to Munwar in a listed race at Newmarket (1m 1f, good to firm).
Selection: PENTIRE (nap)

4.10 ANNE FRANCES STEVENS MEMORIAL HANDICAP BBC2
(£7,700: 1m 1f) (11 runners)

501 (6) 503164- ALJAZZAF 178J (F) (Y Y Partners) R Akehurst 5-10-0 ... T Quinn 90
502 (4) 006000- HAM N'EGGS 206 (F) (P Hammond) R Hannon 4-9-3 ... Pat Eddery 91
503 (11) 510110- TOUJOURS RIVIERA 206 (F,G) (J Furlong) J Pearce 5-9-3 ... G Bardwell 94
504 (1) 00060-0 SERIOUS 20 (G) (Mrs D Haynes) Lady Herries 5-8-2 ... J Reid 95
505 (3) 41118-5 WILCUMA 25 (F,G) (T Warner) P Makin 4-9-0 ... L Dettori 94
506 (9) 6550-00 PAY HOMAGE 15 (C,D,F,G) (Miss A Hill) I Balding 7-8-12 ... M Hills [illegible]
507 (10) 004-000 CHICKAWICKA 12 (V,S) (Merthyr Motor Auctions) M Pipe 4-8-12 ... M J Kinane 98
508 (5) 0112-40 RORY 36 (CD,F,G) (Mrs J Cecil) Mrs J Cecil 4-8-11 ... S Mulvey (5) 94
509 (8) 0230-60 SHANGHAI VENTURE 10 (F) (Dr F Chao) S Woods 4-8-10 ... W Ryan 94
510 (2) 1503-05 LOWAWATHA 8 (D,F,G,S) (N Luno) D Morris 7-8-3 ... A Clark 94
511 (7) 230000 FOLLY FINNESSE 11 (S) (R Withers) B Millman 4-7-10 ... A Mackay 90

BETTING: 3-1 Wilcuma, 5-1 Aljazzaf, 11-2 Ham N'Eggs, 6-1 Serious, 7-1 Rory, 8-1 Chickawicka, 12-1 Pay Homage, Toujours Riviera, 20-1 Folly Finnesse, Lowawatha, Shanghai Venture.

1994: SHARAAR 4-8-5 R Hills (25-1) W Haggas 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALJAZZAF about 6l 6th of 8 to Velvet Moon in a listed race at Newmarket (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start, Oct 1994.
TOUJOURS RIVIERA beat Master Beveled 1¼l in a 29-runner handicap at Newmarket (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start, Oct 1994.
SERIOUS 10l 18th of 25 to Jawaal in a handicap at Ascot (7f, good to firm).
WILCUMA about 4¼l 5th of 10 to Mr Martini in a handicap at Sandown (1m, good) with SHANGHAI VENTURE (2lb better off) ¾l 6th. CHICKAWICKA 5l 13th of 17 to Dawalib in a handicap at Chester (7f 122yd, good to firm). RORY 4l 4th of 15 to Wayne County in a handicap at Beverley (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start. LOWAWATHA about 6½l 5th of 8 to Tony's Fen in a conditions race at Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: ALJAZZAF

4.45 SUSSEX COUNTY CRICKET CLUB CLAIMING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,688: 6f) (7 runners)

601 (2) 5 ALPINE 17 (B) (Blandford Thoroughbreds) P Cole 9-2 ... T Quinn 81
602 (5) 1 DOUBLEYOUBEAY 10 (G) (A Hill) J Berry 8-13 ... G Carter 97
603 (4) DYANKO (M & M Pike & Sons) M Saunders 8-11 ... A Dicks –
604 (7) 0 FREELOADER 24 (J Robb) J Hills 8-11 ... M Hills –
605 (3) 60 BOBSWORTHATCASPERS 11 (Mrs P A Hughes) G Lewis 8-7 ... Paul Eddery 88
606 (6) 43 TAKAPUNA 36 (D Boocock) R Hannon 8-4 ... R Perham [illegible]
607 (1) 3025 DON'T TELL VICKI 40 (Mrs V Goodman) J Moore 8-1 ... N Varley (5) 95

BETTING: 7-4 Doubleyoubeay, 7-2 Alpine, Takapuna, 7-1 Freeloader, 12-1 Bobsworthatcaspers, Dyanko, Don't Tell Vicki.

1994: NOOR EL HOUDAH 8-4 W Carson (9-4 fav) J Berry 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALPINE (foaled Feb 26, cost 18,000gns). Half-brother by Alzao to several winners, notably in The Groove, champion three-year-old filly in Europe in 1990 and winner of four Group I races at 1m-1m 4f; dam won two races in minor company over 1m 4f at three years. DOUBLEYOUBEAY beat U-No-Harry head in a 5-runner auction maiden at Wolverhampton (AW, 5f). DYANKO (Mar 1, 5,400gns). Half-brother by Midyan to several winners including Italian Listed winner Sharp Gein and Counter Attack, juvenile 7f winner; dam 1m 4f winner at three years. FREELOADER 17l last of 12 to Mubhij in a maiden at Sandown (5f, good). BOBSWORTHATCASPERS 6l 8th of 9 to To The Whins in a maiden at Lingfield (5f, good to firm). TAKAPUNA 3l 3rd of 6 to Orange And Blue in a claimer at Nottingham (5f, good to firm). DON'T TELL VICKI 8l 2nd of 4 to Swiss Valley Lady in a seller at Wolverhampton (AW, 5f) on penultimate start.
Selection: DOUBLEYOUBEAY

5.20 COCKED HAT CONDITIONS STAKES
(£5,204: 6f) (5 runners)

1 (3) 501050- EVERGLADES 241 (D,F,G) (Miss S Oppenheimer) R Charlton 7-10-0 ... Pat Eddery 91
2 (5) 051-111 KASSBAAN 75 (D,F,G) (M Al Maktoum) Saeed bin Suroor 5-9-10 ... L Dettori –
3 (2) 2100-00 SIGNS 24 (BF,G) (Roldvale Ltd) R Hannon 3-8-9 ... Dane O'Neill (7) 97
4 (1) 210- MARHA 222 (D,S) (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-7 ... R Hills 86
5 (4) 124-02 AL RAWDA 15 (D,F) (Prince A Faisal) H Cecil 3-8-3 ... W Ryan [illegible]

BETTING: 7-4 Kassbaan, 2-1 Al Rawda, 3-1 Everglades, 5-1 Signs, 10-1 Marha.

1994: MARY HINGE 3-8-11 Paul Eddery (9-4f) Mrs J Cecil 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

EVERGLADES about 5¾l 5th of 7 to Dime time in a handicap here (7f, good) on penultimate start, Sep 1994. KASSBAAN completed treble beat No Contract 8l in a 4-runner conditions race at Nad Al Sheba (6f, good). SIGNS 6l 7th of 9 to Agaarid in the group III Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury (7f 64yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. MARHA beat Golden Tune 2¼l in a 5-runner conditions race at Ascot (6f, good to soft) on penultimate start, Sep 1994. AL RAWDA ½l 2nd of 6 to Overbrook in a conditions race at Kempton (6f, good to firm).
Selection: KASSBAAN

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs J Cecil	6	19	31.6	Pat Eddery	35	176	19.9
H Cecil	16	66	24.2	J Reid	34	195	17.4
R Charlton	10	46	21.7	M Hills	16	102	15.7
Lady Herries	8	37	21.6	L Dettori	22	153	14.4
J Gosden	22	104	21.2	W Carson	30	218	13.8
I Balding	22	115	19.1	Stephen Davies	5	40	12.5
P Cole	17	98	17.3	Paul Eddery	16	138	11.6

Reid continues fine run with double at Bath

JOHN REID, fresh from Sunday's Irish 2000 Guineas triumph on Spectrum, kept up the good work when completing a long-priced double on Sizzling and Vanborough Lad in the final two races at Bath yesterday.

The Irishman was at his best to bring home the Richard Hannon-trained Sizzling at 16-1, and gave another power-packed display aboard 8-1 scorer Vanborough Lad, the pair combining for odds of 152-1.

Earlier in the day Easy Listening produced a sparkling performance on his debut to capture the Timeform Silver Tankard Maiden Stakes. The three-year-old, trained by Roger Charlton for Khalid Abdulla, spreadeagled his rivals to stride home three lengths clear of Paddy's Return, lowering the mile-and-a-quarter track record in the process. Charlton doubted the strength of the race, but said: "He was quite impressive for a big horse and Pat liked him a lot."

Local jockey John Williams loves to partner a winner at his home course and gained another success when Tinker Osmaston led close home in the Timeform Raceview Handicap. This sprint handicap had proved to be a rough race and the winner had to survive a stewards' inquiry after some bumping had occurred inside the last furlong.

The Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot could be next for Eastern Prophets after an impressive all-the-way success in the Timeform Racecard Juvenile Conditions Stakes under Paul Eddery. After creating a good impression when touched off on his debut at the last meeting, Jalfrezi made no mistake for the Timeform Day at Bath Median Auction Maiden Stakes with a length defeat of Wild Rita.

The Timeform Perspective and Rating Fillies' Handicap went to the Richard Quinn-ridden Rasayel, who won by 1¼ lengths from Wild Strawberry despite being eased down close home.

Pentire's speed to prove decisive



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

GOODWOOD

BBC1

2.40: Shahid will be a short price to complete a four-timer but John Dunlop's improving handicapper has gone up 17lb since the start of the season and did not appear to have that much in hand when winning at Lingfield ten days ago. He could be vulnerable now and, given the likely odds, others make more appeal. Christmas Kiss showed improved form to win at Salisbury recently but is badly drawn. Q Factor showed she had trained on when running soundly at Chester and today's extra furlong will suit. Dancing Heart is fitted with blinkers for the first time after just being headed at Lingfield on Saturday before being awarded the race. Emirates Express led inside the final furlong before being caught by Classicy (winner since) and Bedivere, who ran a good race off a 5lb higher mark at Newbury on Sunday. Raised only 1lb, John Hills's runner can go well from a plum draw over this shorter trip.

3.10: Of those to have raced, Castan looks as though he will appreciate further while Hever Golf Express was not sighted on his debut. With little to go on, Wisam is a speculative choice in a race that is best watched.

3.40: If Pentire was entered for the Derby, Geoff Wragg's progressive colt would probably be among the ante-post market leaders and if he reproduces the form which saw him win the Thresher Classic Trial and the Dee Stakes it is difficult to envisage defeat. On each occasion the son of Be My Guest was held up before showing a sparkling turn of foot to land the spoils. Romanzof's Beverley victory was franked by the subsequent success of the runner-up while Istidaad is held in high regard by Alec Stewart. However, the most interesting opponent is Wijara, who beat Classic Cliche, last week's Dante Stakes winner, at Ascot last term and ran well behind Munwar on his seasonal reappearance at Newmarket.

BBC2

4.10: A tricky race with three useful seasonal debutants and runners like Serious, Pay Homage and Folly Finnesse who have outstanding claims on their best form, but they have not reproduced it for some months. However, a strong case can be made out for Ham N'Eggs, who should be a decent price on his reappearance. A winner first time out last year when ridden by Pat Eddery (booked today), Richard Hannon's runner failed to progress as expected. Those failures have seen him drop back to the handicap mark he won off last year and, interestingly, he has been gelded during the winter. Eddery has ridden the horse twice and won both times. Aljazzaf has his favoured fast ground but looks rather high in the handicap. Wilcuma looks a bigger threat.

Richard Evans

Boost for schools

THE Levy Board yesterday announced that a £336,000 grant has been awarded to the British Horseracing Board's Racing and Thoroughbred Breeding Training Board. The grant will be used to finance courses run at the British Racing School in Newmarket and the Northern Racing School in Doncaster.

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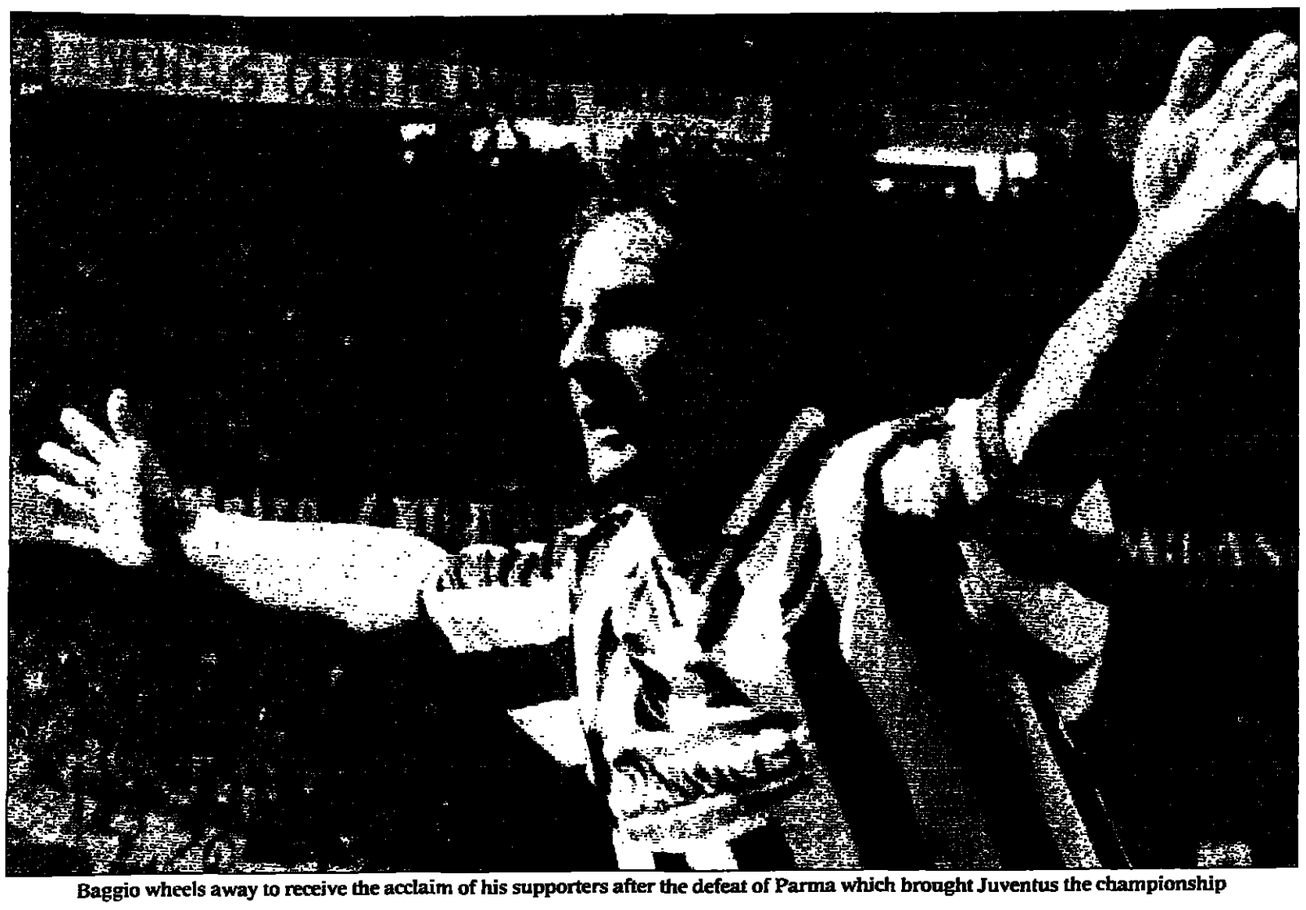
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Juventus repay investment with Italian championship



Baggio wheels away to receive the acclaim of his supporters after the defeat of Parma which brought Juventus the championship

Baggio conducts sweet music



ROB HUGHES
Overseas View

ONE sports a ponytail, one has turned prematurely grey, and the third has shaved every hair off his dome. But the three of them created music in Italy on Sunday and made an old lady very happy.

Roberto Baggio, Fabrizio Ravanelli and Gianluca Vialli scored and created the goals by which Juventus, "the old lady of Italy," destroyed Parma 4-0, the pretenders to the *Serie A* championship, thus rekindling the flame of Juventus power in the land for the first time in nine years.

To English eyes this was just as beautiful as it must have been to the great following of the Turin crowd. For here were three players of undoubted world class, three performers who, in complete contrast to the inarticulate hurly-burly of our Cup final, were able to co-ordinate, to control the ball without actually looking at it, to plot and to find the path and the movement of each other as if by intuition.

Given that Juve had lost a fractious match to surrender the Uefa Cup final to Parma *just four days previously*, it revealed the absolute priority of Juventus, the desire and the ability to raise their game seemingly on a whim.

Before the kick-off we had seen Ravanelli bent like an ostrich, his head down by his knees, summoning concentration. In fact, he was later to dedicate the victory, the championship to the memory of Andrea Fortunato, the young Juventus defender whose death at 24 a month ago had temporarily taken away the love of the game for the Juventus players.

Ravanelli it was who began the scoring, but it was Baggio, in dispute with the club over the little matter of a demand from Juventus for him to take a pay cut next season of £400,000, who made the difference. You and I should be so lucky. Baggio, proved in that first goal and in two others his complete recovery from serious knee injury, and his value to any team with *European Cup aspiration*.

Gianni Agnelli, the benefactor of Juventus, had mocked Baggio earlier in the season describing him as a *'congilio bagnato'*, a wet rabbit.

Bobbing up in midfield, sensing a mistake from the Parma defender Susic, Baggio was cunning in supplying the most deft chip over the remaining two defenders. He knew Ravanelli would be running, for Ravanelli, the comparative artisan, is always running.

But Ravanelli then showed a mastery of time and space, and of the ball, that distinguishes him from much of our football. He controlled it with a touch of his right foot, he stopped, checked, and then, using the left foot, applied such spin to the ball that it bent in a wonderous arc around the Parma goalkeeper, Luca Bucci.

By the time Ravanelli scored again, his 29th goal in all competitions this season, both *Didier Deschampes and Vialli* had capitalised on more conjuring tricks by Baggio.

Vialli, who has reclaimed his own career from more *than a year of devastating* injury, who has worked through pain and doubt in a gymnasium built in the cellar of his home, had scored with bludgeoning power against Parma the previous Wednesday. But his goal before 68,000 people at Stadio delle Alpi, was in another class of telepathic understanding with Baggio.

The inventor, Baggio, held the ball like a stone in a sling: he was waiting, and then he released the ball inside the defender, into the stride of Vialli whose muscular strength held off another defender before he drew the goalkeeper and swotted the ball between Bucci's legs.

These three men, who one would have thought would be essential if Juventus are to go all the way to recapture European glory a year from now, are not the entire wealth of Juventus. Who says so? Marcello Lippi, the elegantly grey-haired coach of the club. He came less than a year ago, his ninth coaching appointment in ten years, with orders to help stem the outflow of *money from the Fiat-backed* club. Lippi sold players, including the German Andy Moller, raising £8 million.

Lippi was once the coach at *Atalanta, the club with Italy's* most progressive youth policy. But Atalanta fired him for "failing to promote youth in the first team." They promptly fell a division, while Lippi had a successful year in the turmoil of Napoli.

Lippi has recently introduced a slender, familiar young player whose mastery of the ball allows him to perform *either in central defence* as a libero or as a midfield distributor. He, Alessio Tacchinardi, is 19, but it is two years since he played his first match in *Serie A* — for Atalanta under Lippi, the coach blamed for his mistrust of youth. Now Lippi has delivered the ultimate prize in Italian football.

Elsewhere in Italy, Lazio, who have lost patience with Paul Gascoigne, seem to have recovered equilibrium without him. On Sunday, Lazio beat Sampdoria, with a goal by the Dutchman, Aron Winter, thus assuring themselves of a place in the Uefa Cup.

Casting doubt on the lure of the mayfly

Brian Clarke on the trials and errors that can turn trout fishing's annual spring festival into a fortnight of frustration

It is not for nothing that the brief hatch of the mayfly is known to anglers as Duffer's Fortnight. So preoccupied do the trout become with huge, beautiful *Ephemera danica* that they seem to lose all discrimination and fear. Even the rawest tyro launching the most awful imitation at the water will take the occasional fish and, sometimes, a bagful.

Yet disappointment often attends the annual spring appearance of this beautiful insect — and it is sharpened, because the initial expectation is always so high.

The problems that most anglers have when fishing the mayfly hatch arise for just a couple of reasons. The first is a simple failure of technique, which is easily amended; the second is largely a failure of observation.

The failure of technique centres on the nylon leader to which the fly is tied. Most beginners and a large number of long-time anglers fish imitations of the huge mayfly from the same leaders that they would use for imitations of the small flies. In other words, they tie flies dressed on hooks as big as size 8 or 10 to leaders of between 2lb and 4lb breaking strain: leaders that are appropriate for flies of between sizes 12 and 16, or *even smaller*.

Three problems result. One is that in calm conditions, the fly can be so disproportionately heavy on the end of the fine leader that its momentum carries it over and downwards as the leader straightens, and it arrives on the water with a splash.

When fishing into any *kind of breeze, the opposite* problem arises. The fly proves so bulky and offers so much resistance to the wind that the leader cannot drive it forward. As a consequence, the fly falls some way short of the fish, often descending in a puddle of nylon coils or even behind the end of the fly line itself.

The third and most frustrating problem when a fine leader is used is that even if all goes well and the fly is delivered to a fish which takes it, the nylon proves too weak to set the big hook. The result is either a pricked fish or, worse, a hook left in the jaw of a retreating trout. The first is unfortunate, the last is *unforgivable*.

The answer to all of these problems is to tie mayfly imitations — and imitations of other large insects, such as the daddy longlegs and damselflies — on to leaders of appropriate strength and *diameter*. Strength alone is not a solution and so the super-*fine, superstrong* and *often* super-brittle lines that some manufacturers offer, should be avoided. A leader ending in 6lb nylon of normal diameter avoids all of these problems.



'Trout often switch from eating the newly-hatched mayfly to the dying spinner'

The second cause of grief at mayfly time can crop up late in the evening after a heavy hatch, but it is more commonly experienced during the last few days of duffer's fortnight itself. It is manifested in two ways, in each case because the fish have become selective.

At the end of the day's hatch, trout will sometimes switch from eating the newly-hatched fly to the dying spinner, presumably because the spinner, which has laid its eggs and then become trapped in the surface film, can be taken with less effort. Anyone who misses this change of feeding behaviour, misses out.

At the end of the fortnight, fish simply become more and more sated, and less willing to move. Then, observation of which stage of fly they are taking — spinner or dun — needs to be allied to casting accuracy.

There are times, late in the mayfly fortnight, when the best fishing is not to be had with the mayfly at all.

On mayfly waters, trout see more anglers during the last couple of weeks of May or the first couple of weeks of June than in any other period of the year — and they see an awful lot of artificial mayflies, variously presented. As a consequence, those fish that survive the early onslaught not only become more wary but will, quite often, feed mostly on the small flies with which late sprig abounds.

On hard-fished waters, therefore, it often pays late in the hatch to get to the water early and to seek out those quietly-feeding, tucked-away fish that are more willing to look at small flies because they have learnt to associate the larger ones *with danger*.

Even then, the odd fish will buck either trend and will take small flies, even when the mayfly is on, the water at the same time.

Two of the most interesting fish I ever took during hatches of mayfly were not feeding on the insect at all. One was totally preoccupied with a simultaneous hatch of the minute iron blue and the other was stuffed to the gills with aquatic snails.

So there are no certainties for tyros or hoary old hands alike. Thank goodness.

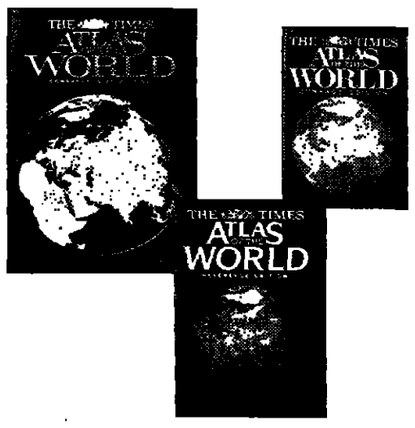
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Tribunal adds to Celtic's final bill

BY KEVIN MCCARRA

A DISPUTE of great duration ended in considerable expense yesterday when an independent tribunal set up by the Scottish Football Association (SFA) ruled that Celtic must pay Kilmarnock £200,000. *The sum is compensation for* the loss, in July last year, of the Ayrshire club's management team of Tommy Burns and Billy Stark.

Celtic had already been fined £100,000 by the Scottish Football League for inducing Burns to leave Kilmarnock. A net cost of £300,000 demonstrates that the Glasgow club's handling of the affair has, at the least, been naive. From the outset, Fergus McCann, the Celtic owner, had believed that the desire of two men to change jobs need not involve compensation.

A statement from McCann said: "We are obviously disappointed with the costly result to Celtic of the tribunal and the Scottish Football League decisions in this matter. However, we are pleased that the issue has been concluded. The club will now focus its attention on winning the Tennents Scottish Cup." Celtic play Airdieonians in the final on Saturday.

The three-man SFA panel had asked the clubs to make one last attempt at reaching a settlement. When agreement could still not be reached, the punishment was imposed. Bob Fleeting, the Kilmarnock chairman, described the tribunal's decision as "fair".

There was anxiety as well as indignation for Celtic yesterday. Their centre half, Brian O'Neil, injured his knee in training, and could miss the final.

Graeme Souness, the former Rangers and Liverpool manager, yesterday accepted an offer to take charge of Galatasaray, the leading Turkish club. Souness has been offered a one-year contract thought to be worth around £500,000.

"The approach came out of the blue and I am excited by it," Souness said after training with his new players yesterday. He was expecting to complete the formalities of the deal last night.

Souness, who has been out of the game for 15 months since leaving Anfield, flew out to Istanbul over the weekend. He saw Galatasaray, down to ten men after having a player sent off, beat Zeytinburnu 7-3 after being 3-0 down in their final league match of the season. Galatasaray, champions last year, will compete in the Uefa Cup next season.

John Salako, the England winger, has been made available for transfer by Crystal Palace. Salako was unhappy after Palace's relegation from the FA Carling Premiership was followed by the departure of Alan Smith, the manager.

Gica Popescu, the Romania international defender, yesterday completed his £3.3 million transfer from Tottenham Hotspur to Barcelona. Popescu, 27, has signed a four-year contract with the Spanish club, and is expected to replace Ronald Koeman — who is shortly to join Feyenoord — at the heart of the defence.

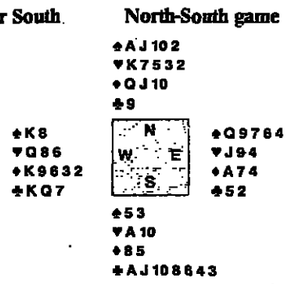


Souness: enthusiastic

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Dealer South. North-South game. Imps



Contract: Three Clubs by South. Lead: three of diamonds

South opened Three Clubs and all passed. West led the three of diamonds. What should East do after winning the the ace of diamonds?

This should be East's thought process. (1) Applying the Rule of Eleven, there are eight diamonds higher than the three held between North, East and South, so South has two of them. Hence, South has at least two diamonds. (2) As West has not led a spade, he is unlikely to have a singleton.

Now the picture is emerging — the danger is that South will pitch a spade on the third round of diamonds. So, after winning the ace of diamonds, East should switch to a spade. This enables the defence to take two diamonds, a spade and two clubs to beat the contract by one.

Alan Lipton found this switch in a Middlesex Cup match. At the second table, East switched to a heart at trick two, and now the declarer played diamonds. Although West switched to the king of spades, it was too late — declarer discarded his second spade on the queen of diamonds, and made his contract via one spade trick, two hearts, one diamond and five club tricks.

There is a charity "marathon" event at Harold Schogger's 77 Bridge Club in Hendon, commencing on June 10. The first session is the Epson world simultaneous pairs, followed by five more sessions ending 22 hours later — 80% of the charity money goes to Leukaemia Research and 20% to the Maccabbiah team representing England in Israel in July. Inquiries: 0181-349 9252.

The 1995 Crockfords Cup was won over the weekend by Ian Monachan's team (Paul, Jason and Justin Hackett, and Tony Forrester) with 137 VP's; 2. C Jagger (G O Roberts, S T C Siklos and J C H Wightwick), 128 VP's; 3. W Hirst (J W Hasset, P M R Pomfrey, and K G Cornish), 111 VP's.

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Kasparov's nerves

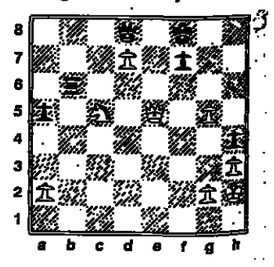
In the run-up to his revenge match against the Pentium Genius computer, Garry Kasparov, the world champion, exhibited an uncharacteristic attack of nerves. His performance in the Amsterdam tournament over the preceding week was his worst since he became world champion. In the final round, he was comprehensively out-prepared and outplayed by Jeroen Piket, the young Dutch Grandmaster.

In a variation of the Grunfeld Defence, which Kasparov had repeatedly employed in his world title clashes against Karpov, Piket sprang a surprise novelty 19 Na4, which offered a sacrifice of rook for knight. Kasparov unwisely accepted and *thereafter* gradually watched on helplessly as his position was reduced to utter paralysis.

White: Jeroen Piket
Black: Garry Kasparov
Amsterdam, May 1995
Grunfeld Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	g6
3	Nc3	d5
4	Nf3	Bg7
5	Qb3	dxc4
6	Qxc4	0-0
7	e4	Na6
8	Be2	c5
9	d5	e6
10	0-0	exd5
11	exd5	Re8
12	Rd1	Bf5
13	d6	h6
14	Bf4	Nd7
15	Rd2	Nb4
16	Qb3	Be6
17	Bc4	Nb6
18	Bxe6	Rxe6
19	Na4	Re4
20	Bg3	Nc4
21	Nxc5	Nxd2
22	Nxd2	Re2
23	Qxb4	a5
24	Qxb7	Rxd2
25	d7	Rxb2
26	Qd5	Rb5
27	Rd1	Bf8
28	Bd6	Bxd6
29	Qxd6	Rab8
30	h3	Rb1
31	Rxb1	Rxb1+
32	Kh2	Rb6
33	Qe5	Kf8
34	Qh8+	Ke7
35	Qe5+	Kf8
36	f4	h5
37	Qd5	h4
38	Qe5	g5
39	Qh8+	Ke7
40	Qe5+	Kf8
41	fxg5	Black resigns

Diagram of final position.



FINAL CROSSTABLE
Amsterdam, May 1995

		1	2	3	4
1	Lautier	—	½	1	½
2	Kasparov	½	—	1	1
3	Topalov	½	½	—	1
4	Piket	0	½	0	—

In the table, 1 = win, ½ = draw, 0 = loss

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

FORSARY
a. A wasps' nest
b. Literary fraud
c. A galley-slave

GENOUILLERE
a. A lobster fork
b. A hassock
c. Knee armour

GRAVAMINOUS
a. Herbivorous
b. Adjacent to
c. Distressing

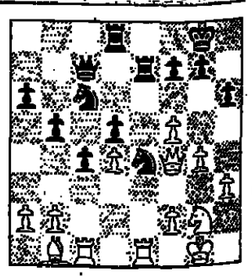
FLASKER
a. A St Bernard dog
b. A Yorkshire beagling jacket
c. To flap

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Dubinin - Botvinnik, Leningrad 1939. In this position White was hoping that if Black (to move) captured the pawn on d4, he would be able to maintain the balance by exchanging queens and then capturing on e4. Was this correct?



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Warwickshire captain excels

Machinations of Reeve hasten Durham's defeat

BY PAT GIBSON

CHESTER-LE-STREET (final day of four): Warwickshire (22pts) bt Durham (5) by 111 runs

THEY have a word in the North East which sums up cricketers like Dermot Reeve. Canny, they call them, and the Warwickshire captain was far too canny, or in other words, shrewd and crafty, for Durham as they tumbled to their third successive defeat in the first Britannic Assurance championship match at their new Riverside Ground.

Reeve made only a minimal contribution to Warwickshire's championship success last season, injury restricting him to eight matches in which he scored only 109 runs and took just eight wickets. He has already gone a long way to redressing the balance in this match, a valuable innings of 47 and five wickets for 40 playing a big part in lifting his side to second in the table.

He had already shown his shrewdness in the gloom of Saturday evening, when he refused the umpires' offer to go off for bad light in the cause of scoring extra runs against tiring bowlers. The wisdom of his decision was shown yesterday, when Warwickshire began the final day 187 runs ahead with six wickets remaining on a pitch which did not inspire confidence.

Simon Brown struck with his first ball of the morning, slanting his left-arm fast-medium across Penney to have him caught behind and so claim ten wickets in a match for the first time. When he swung one the other way to trap Paul Smith leg-before, Warwickshire were only 212 runs ahead at 101 for seven.

Reeve, however, was driving Durham to distraction, fidgeting and improvising his way through 28 overs for his 47 runs, which included only three boundaries. He was looking for his fourth when he charged down the pitch to Betts, changed his mind and finished up cutting into the hands of backward point. He looked disgusted, but he did not have to be. Another 26 runs off five overs from Piper and Davis gave him the opportunity to declare at 145 for eight, setting Durham 257 in a minimum of 77 overs.

They never had much chance once Larkins and Roseberry, who is having a traumatic time with the bat after his much-trumpeted return to the North East as Durham's captain, had perished in the first two overs. Larkins was leg-before to Brown, Roseberry went the same way to Bell and only a fourth-wicket stand of 63, between Morris and Prabakhar, made it any kind of contest.

Reeve's medium pace can often look innocuous, but he is always trying something different, and when he gave the ball extra width, Morris, who had batted so responsibly for his first-innings century, flashed and was caught at slip.

Prabakhar, who would have been Warwickshire's overseas player last season but for an injury which forced them to turn to Lara, went on to make 66 off 104 balls, mixing stubborn defence with ten meaty boundaries, but Reeve accounted for him, too. He seemed to have won the mental battle, when Prabakhar lost patience, tried to hit him over the top and was caught behind.

With Daley unable to bat after breaking a knuckle on Sunday, Durham offered little further resistance and there were still 35 overs remaining when the last wicket fell, leaving the square to Tom Flintoft, the groundsman, and Harry Brind, the Test and County Cricket Board's pitch inspector. They were at pains to stress that it was an unofficial visit, with Brind pointing out: "It takes time for a new wicket to settle."

Much has been made of the irregular bounce, but it is worth noting that this match lasted a lot longer than any of the six other championship games which started on the same day.

TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Northants (5)	4	3	1	0	14	16	78
Warwicks (1)	4	3	1	0	10	15	73
Lancashire (10)	3	3	0	0	11	12	71
Yorkshire (14)	3	3	0	0	3	12	63
Kent (9)	4	2	2	0	13	14	59
Glamorgan (18)	4	2	1	1	8	16	56
Leics (2)	4	2	2	0	9	13	54
Surrey (7)	4	2	2	0	9	12	53
Middlesex (4)	4	2	2	0	5	16	53
Sussex (8)	4	2	1	1	6	13	51
Derbyshire (17)	4	1	3	0	9	16	41
Glocs (12)	3	1	1	1	12	8	36
Essex (6)	3	1	2	0	8	12	36
Durham (16)	4	1	3	0	6	11	33
Notts (3)	2	1	1	0	4	5	25
Somerset (11)	3	0	2	1	6	11	17
Hampshire (13)	3	0	3	0	0	12	12
Worcs (15)	2	0	2	0	2	8	10

(Last season's positions in brackets)

SCOREBOARD

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 424 (A J Moles 90, N V Knight 89, R G Twose 51; S J E Brown 5 for 123)

Second Innings

A J Moles b Brown	22
N V Knight lbw b Brown	4
R G Twose c Ligertwood b Brown	2
D P Ostler c Saxelby b Brown	7
T L Penney c Prabhakar b Brown	8
*D A Reeve c Boiling b Betts	47
D R Brown c Ligertwood b Prabhakar	8
P A Smith lbw b Brown	3
†K J Piper not out	30
R P Davis not out	11
Extras (lb 2, w 1)	3
Total (8 wkts dec)	145

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-29, 3-30, 4-39, 5-77, 6-82, 7-101, 8-119.

BOWLING: Brown 25-3-69-6; Prabhakar 15-6-38-1; Betts 8-3-21-1; Boiling 2-0-15-0.

DURHAM: First Innings 313 (J E Morris 128, W Larkins 58)

Second Innings

*M A Roseberry lbw b Bell	2
W Larkins lbw b Brown	0
J E Morris c Davis b Reeve	25
M Saxelby c Piper b Brown	9
M Prabhakar c Piper b Reeve	66
†D G C Ligertwood c Piper b Smith	2
J Wood c Reeve b Smith	8
J Boiling c Piper b Reeve	11
S J E Brown b Brown	15
M M Betts not out	0
J A Daley absent injured	0
Extras (lb 3, w 4)	7
Total	145

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-3, 3-16, 4-79, 5-94, 6-104, 7-122, 8-137, 9-145.

BOWLING: Brown 12.3-1-62-3; Bell 9-1-34-1; Reeve 15-7-24-3; Smith 6-1-22-2

Umpires: J C Balderstone and J H Hampshire.

CORRECTION: Leicestershire v Derbyshire (May 20): Derbyshire second innings: Bowling: V J Wells 5.3-3-12-2 not as previously published.



JULIAN HERBERT

Salisbury clutches a return catch offered by Such as two of the Sussex fielders, anticipating a fiercer stroke, take precautionary action

Essex tailenders no match for Salisbury

BY JACK BAILEY

HOVE (final day of four): Sussex (23pts) bt Essex (4) by 278 runs

THERE were no surprises. Essex began the day with only four wickets remaining, still 330 runs adrift, and it was all over by midday. Ian Salisbury proved too good for the Essex tail, just as he had for the hard core of their batting. He took three more wickets yesterday for 25 runs in eight overs, bringing his haul for the innings to seven for 72 — his best return for a couple of seasons — and generally confirmed that he is back to somewhere near his best.

A career-best eight wickets was very much on the cards. Mark Ilott was nearly half way down the pitch when Moores failed to gather a difficult ball down the leg side and the stumping chance was missed. No consolation for Salisbury, but it did give Eddie Hemmings the opportunity to take his only wicket of the match.

Ilott was the last man out, presenting Hemmings with a return catch to set the seal on a thumping defeat which must leave Essex wondering about every aspect of their game.

It was a good cricket wicket, yielding reward for good batting and good bowling; yet, Ilott's performance apart, Sussex provided a virtual monopoly of both and there was altogether more spark about their game. Sussex seemed to have recovered fully from the battering they received in the first championship match of the season, at Derby.

Two victories in three encounters since then have owed more than a little to the inspiration of Wells. Norman Gifford, the Sussex coach, is keen that Salisbury should captain them while Wells is on England duty and, if he gets his way, there is no doubt that the leg spinner's boundless enthusiasm would stand his county in good stead.

This enthusiasm was certainly in evidence yesterday. His controlled bowling gave Rollins and Ilott, the overnight batsmen, no respite. Rollins spanked the first ball of the day, bowled by Hammings, through the covers for four, but, in the fourth over, he was palpably leg-before, offering no stroke to Salisbury's googly.

Ilott and Such refused to be cowed and each played a handsome drive or two, but, once Such had fallen to a return catch and Cousins had popped another googly to short leg, it only remained for Hemmings to intrude to prevent a clean sweep for Salisbury, who had match figures of nine for 95.

SCOREBOARD

SUSSEX: First Innings 326 (P Moores 86, K Greenfield 51, M C Ilott 7 for 82).

Second Innings 390 (K Greenfield 121, P Moores 84, A P Wells 69; M E Waugh 4 for 76).

ESSEX: First Innings 185 (R C Irani 57 not out; E S H Giddins 5 for 48).

Second Innings

G A Gooch b Salisbury	36
*P Prichard c Salisbury b Stephenson	9
M E Waugh lbw b Salisbury	39
N Hussain c Athey b Salisbury	80
J J B Lewis lbw b Giddins	0
R C Irani c Lewry b Salisbury	15
†R J Rollins lbw b Salisbury	38
M C Ilott c and b Hemmings	17
P M Such c and b Salisbury	17
D M Cousins c Newell b Salisbury	0
J H Childs not out	8
Extras (b 4, lb 10)	14
Total	253

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-99, 3-100, 4-143, 5-198, 6-211, 7-235, 8-239, 9-253

BOWLING: Stephenson 6-1-24-1, Lewry 7-0-33-0, Salisbury 27.7-7-72-7; Giddins 8-0-33-1, Hemmings 20-4-77-1

Umpires: J H Harris and T E Jesty.

Martin proves quick learner in search for England acceptance



Michael Henderson meets a fast bowler delivered by wise words to the brink of the national team

Peter Martin did not bowl well at Lord's last week, and the realisation nags him a little. It was a fast bowler's pitch, the ball was bending all over the place, and he bowled the wrong line. It did not matter much. Wasim Akram took nine wickets as Lancashire beat Middlesex inside six sessions by an innings and 175 runs.

Their turbo-charged start to the season has been a boon for Martin, 26. He joins the England party today for the three Texaco Trophy internationals against West Indies ahead of the more favoured Glen Chapple, who toured India with the A team; ahead, too, of John Crawley and Jason Gallian, his teammates, who may have parts to rehearse before long.

It has been a wonderful month for Martin. "At the start of the season, I was worried I wouldn't get in the Lancashire side," he said. "If I am being honest both Glen and 'Oscar' [Ian Austin] were bowling better pre-season, and with Wasim coming back, there were only two places up for grabs."

It was when Wasim was absent at the end of last season that Martin found himself as a bowler. Hitherto, he had looked good without taking many wickets. With their overseas bowler leaving early, to join Pakistan, Lancashire needed wickets from others, and got them.

"It's good that we bowled sides out without Wasim, and it's important for him too. He now knows that he doesn't have to take 20 wickets every game."

Somewhat alarmingly, Martin needed a part-time coach to nudge him in the right direction. Malcolm Marshall, working as a professional in the Lancashire League, was assisting David Lloyd in the nets, and told Martin to hit the pitch hard. "I had always been stuck between trying to swing the ball and trying to bowl fast," Martin said. "Malcolm told me to attack the stumps and my natural action would help to swing the ball in any case."



Martin, chosen by England for the one-day series

That a first-class cricketer should wait five years before anyone approached him with decent advice should concern more people than Martin. As the counties which host Test matches draw up plans, only hinted at so far but due to be disclosed at the Oval on Thursday, to "restructure" the professional game along more "competitive" lines, they might do better to spend their time and money finding good coaches for young players.

"I was miffed not to play more first-team cricket when I was younger," Martin said.

"Glen has been given his chance and, all right, he is more mature at that age than I was, but the responsibility would not have hurt me. I have underachieved not through lack of effort but through an understanding of what was required."

Last season, in fact, was the first year he had taken 50 wickets and he has still taken five in a championship innings only twice. With greater confidence, however, and belonging to a side that is generating it like molten lava, he is a different man.

"You can get lost in a team like ours, but the selectors have given me something to play for," he said.

It has been said of Martin, and not without cause, that he is too nice a chap to be a successful fast bowler. He admitted that he is "phlegmatic about things. I am only really annoyed when I am bowling like an idiot, but I'm trying to be more aggressive, to let batsmen know I'm there".

Although he was born in Doncaster, Martin has lived in Manchester for eight years and is too well-rounded to be mistaken for a Yorkshire cricketer. He paints, reads Hesse and Solzhenitsyn and spent a month last winter, camera and sketch-book in hand, touring India with his girlfriend, who works for the British Council.

His interest in painting was prompted partly by Kasimir Malevich, the Russian symbolist, who is not a man on the lips of many cricketers. If other sportsmen admitted as much, it might be window-dressing. In Martin's case, it comes over as healthy curiosity. Living for two years in Michael Atherton's flat might also have helped him a few steps along the way.

His painting is beginning to bring in a bob or two. A collection of signed prints of Old Trafford left him £6,000 richer last year, and it is something to which he intends to devote more time. "It's good to have two hobbies," he said, selecting an interesting noun.

COUNTY AVERAGES

Batting

Qualification: Four completed innings

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50
1 A J Lamb (Northants)	4	7	2	470	166	94.00	2	2
2 G A Gooch (Essex)	3	6	0	519	166	86.50	2	2
3 A J Hollioake (Surrey)	4	7	2	413	117*	82.60	1	3
4 D Byas (Yorkshire)	5	9	1	551	193	68.87	2	1
5 A P Wells (Sussex)	5	9	1	550	178	68.75	3	1
6 I J Sutcliffe (Oxford U)	5	9	3	410	163*	68.33	1	2
7 P D Bowler (Somerset)	4	6	1	330	136	66.00	1	1
8 M P Dowman (Notts)	4	8	2	391	107	65.16	2	1
9 M D Moxon (Yorkshire)	4	7	3	258	130	64.50	1	1
10 M A Atherton (Lancashire)	5	8	1	444	155*	63.42	2	1
11 N V Knight (Warwickshire)	2	4	0	250	89	62.50	—	3
12 J E Morris (Durham)	5	9	0	536	189	59.44	2	2
13 M R Ramprakash (Middlesex)	5	8	1	412	163*	58.85	1	3
14 M A Butcher (Surrey)	4	7	0	407	167	58.14	1	1
15 A J Wright (Gloucestershire)	3	6	0	346	193	57.66	1	1
16 M Watkinson (Lancashire)	4	7	2	287	109	57.40	1	1
17 M G Bevan (Yorkshire)	5	8	2	335	113*	55.83	2	1
18 J P Crawley (Lancashire)	4	6	1	274	81	54.80	—	4
19 M R Benson (Kent)	4	7	0	369	192	52.71	1	1
20 G D Hodgson (Glocs)	3	6	0	311	148	51.83	1	1
21 C White (Yorkshire)	5	9	2	362	107	51.71	1	3
22 D P Ostler (Warwickshire)	5	10	1	457	208	50.77	1	3
23 R J Harden (Somerset)	4	8	0	303	113	50.50	2	1
24 K M Curran (Northants)	4	6	0	302	117	50.33	1	1

* denotes not out

Bowling

Qualification: Ten wickets

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5I	10m
1 P J Hartley (Yorkshire)	137.3	33	400	32	12.50	9-41	3	1
2 A A Donald (Warwickshire)	91.3	15	249	18	13.56	8-56	2	—
3 D G Cork (Derbyshire)	165.2	41	421	27	15.59	5-74	1	—
4 P A J DeFreitas (Derbyshire)	133.5	40	285	18	15.83	6-35	1	—
5 S L Watkin (Glamorgan)	199	48	490	30	16.33	7-49	2	1
6 D Gough (Yorkshire)	133	35	379	22	17.22	7-28	1	1
7 Wasim Akram (Lancashire)	119.3	32	327	18	18.16	6-35	2	—
8 D E Malcolm (Derbyshire)	126.1	21	437	24	18.20	6-61	1	—
9 J E Emburey (Middlesex)	86.2	27	206	11	18.72	4-31	—	—
10 D J Capel (Northants)	91.2	17	339	18	18.83	4-36	—	—
11 D A Reeve (Warwickshire)	86	30	191	10	19.10	3-24	—	—
12 P C R Tufnell (Middlesex)	84.5	28	232	12	19.33	4-55	—	—
13 A C S Pigott (Surrey)	111.3	31	294	15	19.60	6-91	2	1
14 J H Childs (Essex)	120.2	39	275	14	19.64	3-28	—	—
15 P J Martin (Lancashire)	134.5	35	341	17	20.05	5-51	—	—
16 J N B Bovill (Hampshire)	106.3	25	368	18	20.33	6-29	2	1
17 M A Feltham (Middlesex)	71	20	205	10	20.50	4-55	—	—
18 J E Hindson (Notts)	98	28	226	11	20.54	4-30	—	—
19 G Chapple (Lancashire)	112.4	31	270	13	20.76	3-27	—	—
20 S J E Brown (Durham)	182.3	44	526	25	21.04	6-69	3	1
21 M J McCague (Kent)	96	17	324	15	21.60	5-47	1	—
22 J E Benjamin (Surrey)	169.4	31	497	23	21.60	5-37	1	—
23 J Wood (Durham)	97.4	25	303	14	21.64	4-54	—	—
24 M A Robinson (Yorkshire)	117.3	35	325	15	21.66	4-58	—	—

Source: TCCB/PA Cricket Record

THE TIMES – adidas WORLD CUP PRIZE DRAW

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TOKEN 2

High-tech methods produce rapid gains in speed and endurance

Scientists get England fighting fit

Alison Kervin reports on the revolution that has transformed the shape of English rugby

PHOTOGRAPHS MARC ASPLAND



Underwood brothers Tony, left, and Rory work out in heat-retaining dry suits designed to prepare the team for conditions in South Africa

Ten years ago, it would have seemed a little like trespassing on private property, but today, fitness advisers and assessors are such an integral part of rugby union, that the England team has been revolutionised by their presence.

When the players run out against Argentina on Saturday for their opening match in the World Cup, they will be fitter than any England rugby team before them. They are bigger than their predecessors, fitter and faster, better prepared to cope with the heat and humidity, and less susceptible to injury.

Rex Hazeldine, the England fitness adviser, is largely responsible for the transformation. He has established a network of fitness experts around the country, devised an 18-month fitness programme to peak for the World Cup, and collated information about the way that fitness for the sport has developed.

The results of these statistics, logged on a computer at Loughborough University, reveal that size is much more important at international level today, and that back rows, in particular, are much bigger than they were in the inaugural World Cup, in 1987.

There is an average weight increase of 10.5lb in the backs and more than 18.5lb in the forwards; in the back row the average height and weight in 1988 was just over 5ft 11in and 213.4lb, whereas in 1994 it was over 6ft 3in and 235.4lb.

Jason Leonard, the England prop, works with Dave Crottie, the fitness adviser who has also worked with Ben Clarke, Brian Moore and Will Carling. "Jason can't afford to lose any weight because he needs it to overcome inertia, but he needs minimum body fat," Crottie said.

"Over the past few years, he has gone from 17st 11lb to 18st 2lb, with a 1.3 per cent drop in body fat: that's putting on over a stone of pure lean muscle weight. The training that Jason does is in a different league to the training that props were doing during the first World Cup. The forwards today train like the backs did then."

The change in approach to training clearly manifests itself in the statistics, in which even the oft-maligned forwards fare well. A forward today has increased his speed over 15 metres to such an extent that the average is almost as fast as the backs that played for England in the first World Cup. The forwards' endurance today is better than the backs who played in 1987.

Endurance is measured as VO^2Max, the volume of oxygen that the body can take in and use. This area of fitness will be particularly important in South Africa because there is less oxygen at altitude. Another way in which the endurance fitness of the players has been measured is through the "bleep" test, which involves running back and forth between cones 20 metres apart.

The forwards were reaching level 12 in 1988, but, in 1994, it had risen to level 13 and one shuttle (a run between the cones). The backs were on level 12 and 10 shuttles (two shuttles short of level 13) in 1988, and, in 1994, they were on level 14 and three shuttles.

The fitness revolution really started when the players returned from the 1987 World Cup. Geoff Cooke, the then England manager, was keen for fitness to take on more prominence in squad preparation, so a sports science education programme was set up at Loughborough University.

The programme deals with the physiological factors of performance such as diet, nutrition, fitness and fluid intake. "The sports science programme was established as a backlash to the highly technical fitness we perceived the Australians and New Zealanders to be doing," Hazeldine said.

"The advent of the World Cup has allowed rugby to concentrate around a four-year cycle which permits longer training stages, hence greater development. Also the number of competitive league, cup and divisional fixtures has doubled over the last seven years, and the way the English season is structured, the first game of the season is as important as the last, so the players need to be fitter for longer.

"The changes in the laws have also had some impact because they have speeded up the game, there is more continuity now, the games are more competitive, there is more at stake and defences have improved. Players have to work harder and at greater intensity in every game.

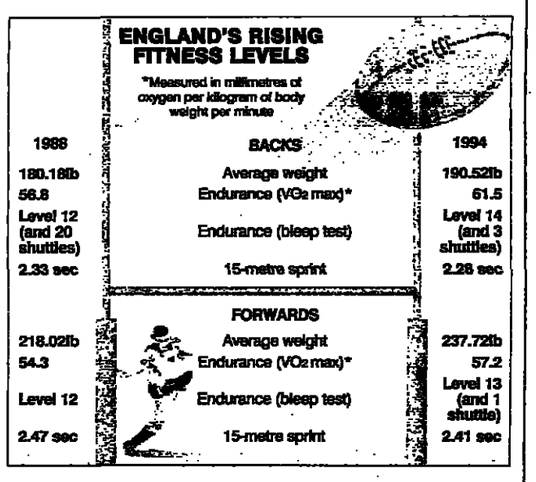
"For the specific World Cup fitness build-up, we've put together an 18-month programme divided into ten phases of the 68-week countdown. The stages comprise maintenance, rest, recuperation, power, pace, endurance, strength-based training, aerobic endurance, acceleration and plyometrics with long-distance and interval training. The players tend to work with their own fitness advisers, and all the information is pooled here at Loughborough."

This work is a far cry from 1986, when Dr Craig Sharp, a physiologist, analysed the fitness components of 33 sports to find out which demanded the greatest fitness. Rugby union backs came nineteenth, just ahead of netball, and the forwards came an unimpressive 32nd, just behind table tennis.

One of the significant features of the players' improved fitness is the lower incidence of injury. Although there is no official record of the change, Kevin Murphy, the England physiotherapist, uses his own method of calculating the decline in injuries. It relates to the number of pots of Vaseline that he uses on the insides of the players' thighs to minimise chaffing. This has dropped as the players have increased their muscularity and decreased their body fat, from almost two pots a game to less than half!



Moore and Morris, right, shake a leg in training



RADIO CHOICE

A funny tale of two cities

Fifty Years On. *Radio 4 FM. 10.00am.*

Alan Bennett's reminiscences of his wartime boyhood and postwar adolescence are delivered in that fusion of funny-ha-ha and funny-peculiar styles so characteristic of the man and his works. Because there was hardly any shrapnel to be found in the streets in the wake of air-raids on Leeds, he and his brother felt this was tantamount to deprivation. There was a coffee shop in Guildford which his family thought was smart. "But we used to go to it, so it couldn't have been *that* smart!" Saturday matinée performances at the Leeds Grand rarely had audiences of more than 30. Consequently, Master Alan assumed that 30 was the preordained total, as it was with church congregations in the city in those days.

God, the Devil and the Good Tunes. *Radio 2. 9.00pm.*

I shudder to think how much midnight oil presenter-writer Ian Bradley must have burnt while researching this programme. He offers examples of popular songs and poems being hijacked by the Church and, conversely, hymns being reborn as secular songs. *Champagne Charlie* metamorphosed into *Storm the Forts of Darkness*. In the Great War, *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* became *We are Fred Karno's Army*, a song for disgruntled soldiers. Ironically, the nation's favourite hymn *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* began life as a 19th-century diatribe against wholehearted singing of hymns.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Dave Pearce **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, including at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** The Bruce Dickinson Rock Show **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Wendy Lloyd

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Martin Kelner **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.30** Ken Bruce, including at **10.00** Pick of the Hits **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Chris Stuart **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hayes over Britain **8.30** Whodunnit? **9.00** God, the Devil and the Good Tunes. See Choice **10.00** Coasting with Noakes **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, including at **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl at **6.55** and **7.55** Racing Preview; **7.15** The Police's Story **8.35** The Magazine incl at **10.20** A Handful of Hooligans; Dirty News **12.00** Midday with Marr, incl at **12.34pm** Moneycheck; and at **1.35** Crime in the Community **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, including at **3.15** Prime Minister's Question Time **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide, and at **6.15** Crime Update **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** Sport **7.35** Cricket, Lovely Cricket (2/3) **8.05** Inside Edge **9.35** Laying Down the Law: Hooligans with Typewriters **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra including at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sean Bolger **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **7.00** Maurice Dee with Carol McGiffen **10.00** Caesar **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. **5.00am** News **5.30** Europe (**MW** Off the Shelf **5.45** On Screen) **6.00** News **6.30** What's News? (**MW only**: Europe) **6.45** On the Move (**MW**: Europe) **7.00** News **7.15** World Today **7.30** That's Cool **8.00** News **8.15** Health **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** Writers in a Nutshell **9.00** News (**MW**: News in German) **9.10** Faith (**MW**: News in German) **9.15** Concert **10.00** News **10.15** Game, Set and Match **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **Noon** News **12.30pm** Oliver Twist **1.00** News (**MW**: News in German) **1.15** Britain **1.30** Foreign Postings **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Development (**MW**: News in German) **4.45** Health (**MW**: News in German) **5.00** News **5.15** Concert **6.00** Business **6.15** What's News? **6.30** World Today (**MW**: News in German) **6.45** Sport (**MW**: News in German) **7.00** News **7.30** Let's Do The Show **8.00** News **9.00** Europe **9.30** Outlook **9.55** Faith **10.00** Business **10.15** Britain **10.30** Merkfan **11.00** News **11.30** World Today **11.45** Country **Midnight** News **12.15am** Music **12.15** Anything Goes **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **1.30** What's News? **1.45** Britain **2.00** News **2.15** On Screen **2.30** Music **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Andy Kershaw **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Discovery

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** The Opera Guide **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nick Abbot **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Janey Lee Grace **2.00-6.00am** Robin Banks

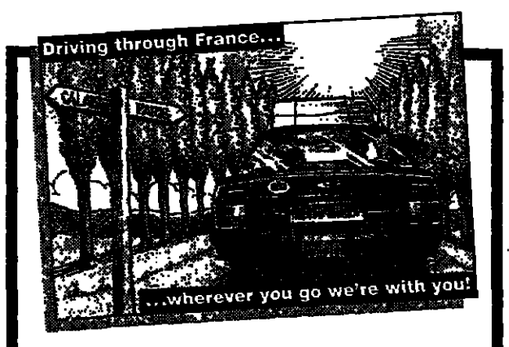
RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Caribbean and Asian Workers
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: Bizet (Petite suite: Jeux d'enfants); **7.16** *Handel Handbook*: Handel (Recorder Sonata in D minor, Op 1 No 9); **7.32** Mendelssohn (Overture: Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage); **8.05** Steve Martland (Principia); **8.08** Oswald (Sonata on Scots Tunes); **8.32** Mozart (Divertimento in D)
9.00 Composers of the Week: Widor and Vierne
10.00 Musical Encounters: Bach (Concerto in C for three harpsichords); Chopin (Polish Songs, Op 74, excerpts); Wagner (A Faust Overture); **10.54** *Artists of the Week*: City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. Saint-Saëns (Le carnaval des animaux): Mozart (Divertimento in B flat); Michael Berkeley (Coronach)
12.00 Ensemble: The Emperor Quartet performs Haydn (String Quartet in B minor, Op 33 No 1); Britten (String Quartet No 3) (r)
1.00 Fairest Isle: BBC Festival of Brass 1995: Paul Hindmarsh introduces a concert given by the Williams Fairey Band, the European Champions, under Peter Parkes. Eric Ball (Song of Courage); Adrian Cruft (Chess Pieces, first broadcast); Edward Gregson (Connotations); Judith Bingham (The Stars Above; the Earth Below); Philip Wilby (Dragons Arise) (3/8)
2.00 Schools: Playtime **2.15** Time to Move **2.35** Ghostwriter **2.45** Le Club
3.00 Fairest Isle: British Cities, Oxford. A selection of music from 18th-century Oxford
5.00 The Music Machine: Tommy Pearson looks at the different ways in which music is treated on the three BBC Radio music networks
5.15 In Tune: Mozart (Overture: Le nozze di Figaro); Chopin (Ballade No 2 in F, Op 38); Mahler (Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen)
7.30 The Gambler: Prokofiev's opera, based on a novella by Dostoevsky, was rejected by the Mariinsky Theatre in St Petersburg in 1917 because the parts were too boring for the singers. Today's production is by the Chorus and Orchestra of the Mariinsky Theatre under Valery Gergiev. With Vladimir Galuzin, tenor, and Lyuba Kazarkovskaya, soprano
9.55 The Golden Demon — Adolphe Sax: The second of five plays by Neil Cargill based on the life of the inventor of the saxophone
10.15 Beethoven: Chinook Trio performs Trio in G
10.45 Night Waves: First-night reviews of Rossini's *Ermione* at Glyndebourne and a revival of *Absolute Hell* by Rodney Ackland
11.30-12.30am Music Restored: The Parley of Instruments Renaissance Violin Band under Peter Holman perform a programme of dance music from the Court of Charles I, including works by Alfonso Ferrabosco, Robert Johnson, William Lawes, Stephen Nau
1.00-1.30 Night School: Contes mystérieux

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 0171-580 4444
10.00-10.30 News; Fifty Years On (FM only): See Choice
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 From Plato to the Present (LW only): Sean Campion reads from Bertrand Russell's *The Problems of Philosophy*
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray interviews Jane Smiley. Serial: *Electricity* by Victoria Glendinning (11/13)
11.30 The Psychology of War: The first of three programmes in which Falklands commando Hugh McManners explores the psychological aspects of war
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Quote ... Unquote: Lord Healey, Saeed Jaffrey, Claire Rayner and Penny Vincenzi join Nigel Rees for the quotation quiz **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: Hossack's Child. Colin MacDonald's comedy about a 50-year-old bachelor fisherman who finds himself yearning for a baby. With John Buick and Vari Sylvester
2.30 Richard Baker Compares Notes with members of the London Metropolitan Ensemble
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Gill Pyrah sees a new television series about the Wild West and reads Jane Smiley's book, *Moo*, set in an agricultural college in America
4.45 Short Story: Phoenix Rising. Judith Barker reads Daphne Glazer's story
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 The House: Final part of Christopher Lee's political satire (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: Stuart Simon reports
8.00 Science Now: With Peter Evans (r)
8.30 The Network: The impact of information technology on governments and democracy
9.00 In Touch: Magazine for people with a visual handicap, presented by Peter White
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Hemingway's Chair, written and read by Michael Palin. Second of ten episodes
11.00 Medicinewave, presented by Joanna Coles (r)
11.30-12.00 Foreign Correspondence (FM only): Brussels. James Robbins, the BBC's Europe Correspondent, looks at the city through the eyes of earlier correspondents (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00-12.45am News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.45** As World Service (LW only)

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TRC 8

French changes get Villepreux's vote

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

PIERRE VILLEPREUX, the highly regarded French rugby union coach, believes his countrymen are capable of reaching at least the semi-finals of the World Cup, despite a "hair-brained gimmick" by their threequarters, who decided to shave their heads.

"It was a crazy idea, whoever had it," Villepreux, the full back who won 36 caps for France and has helped England's preparations, said. "I would not have allowed it. Your hair protects your head from serious injury, and if those players get scratches and start to bleed from the scalp, they will have to leave the field for treatment under the new rules, thus destabilising the team.

"It might not help psychologically either, since they will stand out now. If they play badly, they'll be in for real criticism."

Villepreux, who is in South Africa to lecture on player preparation at an international rugby conference, believes that after their defeats against Scotland — their pool D World Cup rivals — and England in the five nations' championship, France would return to a game plan of rock-solid defence, a no-risk policy at set pieces, and counter-attacks from broken play.

"I don't know what went wrong during the five nations," he said. "It's hard to see what they were trying to do from the outside. But [Pierre] Berbizier [the France coach] knows the game. He's a long way from being stupid. He'll base the game on defence and set-piece solidity and kicking — until the breakdown, when there will be total liberty.

"French players adapt well and the route to the semi-finals looks clear for them. After that, anything is possible. Nobody will be happy to meet France in the last four."

Olivier Brouzet, the France lock, will miss their opening pool D match, against Tonga on Friday, after sustaining an ankle injury during training yesterday. Olivier Roumat, the former captain, is his likely replacement.

Wales, who open their pool C programme against Japan in Bloemfontein on Saturday, will need more than their famed determination if they want to make an impact, according to Alex Evans, their coach. "We must ... start accepting that we have to play with skill rather than just pride and passion," Evans said yesterday.

"You don't need to teach anything about passion to the Welsh because they are born with it, but sometimes it can be more harmful than good because it can break down the skill factor."

After a strenuous training session yesterday, Evans said that while there were no injury problems, the Wales squad was having difficulty coping with the altitude. "It's not just physical, but psychological as well, and you just have to adapt," he said.

David Campese, the Australia wing, is suffering from a cold, but it should not keep him out of the tournament's opening game, against South Africa on Thursday. "Campo's got a bad cold ... but he's not in any doubt at all," Bob Dwyer, the coach, said after a training session in Cape Town. Dwyer said that Jason Little, the centre, had also picked up a minor strain, but would also be fit. Up to 4,000 tickets are still available for the match.

Botica allays Wigan fears over departure

FRANO BOTICA, rugby league's leading points-scorer this season with 408 from nine tries and 186 goals, has allayed fears that he is to join the exodus from Wigan (Christopher Irvine writes).

Botica, 31, is to spend the summer with Auckland Warriors, but said yesterday that he would be back at Central Park for the truncated season in August before the launch of the Super League next March.

Denis Betts is leaving Wigan for Auckland on a full-time contact and Phil Clarke joins Sydney City Roosters this week. Oldham yesterday signed Rob Myler, 25, the Warrington utility back, for £50,000, taking their Super League spending to £160,000 after the capture of Paul Atcheson and Mike Neal, from Wigan, and Francis Maloney, from Warrington.

Warrington, meanwhile, have lined up a move for Dave King, 27, the Australian prop at Huddersfield. They want to sign him on a 2½-year contract if the existing two-man import quota is raised, as expected.

Peter Higham, the Warrington chairman, said: "We have been watching Dave for some time and we believe that he has the size and power to be a big success in the Super League."

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

FORSARY
(c) A galley-slave, an adaptation of the French *forsaire, forçaire*, now superseded by *forçat*. "A proclamation that every such author be committed into the galleys, there to row in chains, as a slave or forsary."

GENOUILLERE
(c) A flexible piece of armour for covering the knees, with joints like those of a lobster, from the Old French *genouil*, modern French *genou*, Latin *genu*, popular Latin *genuclum* a knee. "The knees are guarded by genouillères of peculiar form."

GRAVAMINOUS
(c) Grievous, annoying, distressing, from the Latin *gravāmen* a heavy burden. "A dishonour unto God, and a gravaminous burthen to the ships and men they do go amongst."

FLASKER
(c) To flap about (as a fish), to flutter (as a bird), to flounder, onomatopoeic, with frequentative suffix common in verbs expressing agitated motion. "Hale him not too near the top of the Water, lest by flaskering he break your Line."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

No! 1. ... Nxd4! wins a vital pawn, as 2. Qxc7 runs into 2. ... Nf3+; 3. Kf1 Ned2 mate.

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Of boors, brutes, butchers and Bramwell

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

In years to come sociologists will no doubt hypothesise long and hard about the unexpected revival in pub culture that marked the final years of the 20th century. It was, they will an observe, a strangely one-sided phenomenon that seemed to involve only the male of the species. What on earth had been going on? Well, let me just give their researches a little nudge in the right direction. Study the television pages.

For a close inspection of these will reveal a mass outbreak of what critics of the day (well, Tuesdays and Thursdays at least) would dub "seriously girly television" (SGT). One popular drama followed another in portraying men in the most unappealing of ways.

In *Prime Suspect* we were boorish or brutes, in *The Governor* boorish or bad, and in *She's Out* boorish and banished altogether. But as the phrase "I'm just nipping out for a La Plante" entered the language (note to future sociologists: a La Plante — a visit to the pub normally beginning at 9pm and lasting the length of a two-hour special), the trial by stereotype continued. In *The Politician's Wife* we are both boorish and boring; in *The Vet* boorish or backward; and now, as we chaps despair of ever being taken seriously as sex objects again, along comes **Bramwell** (ITV), with an unedifying three-way tie between boors, butchers and pox-ridden b******s. After all, when your sex is represented by Robert Hardy at his most high-falutin' you know you're in serious trouble.

Within two stomach-churning minutes, Hardy's Sir Herbert Hamilton was ripping out ovaries without so much as a by your leave, don'tcha know. As a slip of the knife dispatched his young patient to an early mortuary slab, his students stood and cheered — to the man, of course. It may have been the sight of all that blood, but I was already feeling faint.

SGT it undoubtedly is, but *Bramwell*, the story of a young woman doctor's struggle to succeed in chauvinist, late-Victorian Britain, still deserves a good two-and-a-half cheers.

First, there are no policemen in it (hurrah!) although hospital medicine hardly counts as breaking new ground. Second, the story is made up (hurrah!) rather than based on real-life characters or cobbled together from newspaper headlines. That said, when passing dinner guests turn out to be not just the Chancellor of the Exchequer but a Chancellor with a nasty case of syphilis, there is a danger of fiction being not just stranger than fact but downright improbable. And third, *Bramwell* is a period piece (hurrah!) with enjoyable echoes of *The Duchess of Duke Street*, *The House of Elliott* and even, courtesy of some slightly curious musical interludes, *Mary Poppins*.

In the central role of Eleanor Bramwell, Jemma Redgrave gives a restrained performance that can look underplayed when compared with some of the music-hall turns that surround her. But it's a performance the appeal of which will, I suspect, grow with each episode. As for Lucy Gannon's storylines — Eleanor learns to ride a bike, Eleanor diagnoses syphilis, Eleanor invents trousers, Eleanor sets up a hospital in the East End — they are pure *Mallory Towers*. Enjoyable enough, but if a sympathetic male character doesn't come along soon, I'm off to the pub.

Last night, at least, there were seriously boyish diversions to be found closer to home. Actually, less of the seriously and rather more of the boyish. For **The Outer Limits** (BBC2) hardly advanced the frontiers of new manhood with its exploration of one of the great mainstays of science fiction, the search for the perfect woman. Who'd have thought that when they found her, she'd be called Valerie?

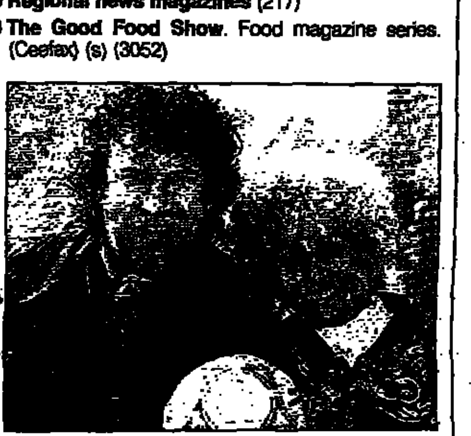
But Valerie it was — Valerie 23, to be specific, although there was no mention as to the fate of her 22 predecessors. "We prefer to call her an inorganic human," said the man from Innobotics as he introduced her to her reluctant road tester, Frank. Reluctant he may have been, but Frank was no fool — he'd even taken to a wheelchair, presumably to reduce the risk of losing an eye should his statuesque new friend turn round suddenly. "I'm fully functional," she promised with a metallic gleam in her eye. And from her hydraulic legs to her bee-stung lips, you didn't doubt it for a minute.

Thankfully, Frank had a physiotherapist, Rachel, who, apart from being organic, was also a philosophy graduate. So while Valerie was merrily snapping the handles off frying pans, it fell to Rachel to rescue the script by quoting Descartes during manipulation sessions. You know the sort of thing. "I flinch therefore I am." Inevitably, it all ended in tears, some wet and salty, some saline solution containing trace polypeptides. Can't wait for Valerie 24.

Back on BBC1 another episode of *Bramwell* seemed in process, until I realised that the Chancellor under scrutiny was Lord Lawson and the plague he was charged with spreading across the country by **Panorama** was negative equity. Lawson's relaxation of monetary policy is blamed by nearly everybody for the sharp rise in house prices in the late 1980s and the even sharper fall that followed. Everyone, that is, except him. "It did not make a fundamental difference to what was happening on the economic front, but it certainly meant that people who took this foolish decision of chasing prices up unfortunately got their fingers burnt." Not even a little apology? Definitely not. "Rational housebuyers should not have borrowed more than they could afford to borrow." Robert Hardy had better watch out.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (83830)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (10594781)
9.05 Kilroy (s) (1869507)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7773014) **10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days** (r). (Ceefax) (1925946)
10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine series (s) (4612410)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9490878) **12.05 Pebble Mill** with Alan Titchmarsh. Includes excerpts from the musical *Starlight Express* (s) (5571675) **12.50 Regional News** and weather (15908830)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (86878) **1.30 Neighbours**. (Ceefax) (s) (72000156)
1.50 Going for Gold. Henry Kelly with another round of the general knowledge quiz (s) (78400192)
2.15 Racing from Goodwood. Live coverage of the **2.40, 3.10** and **3.40** races. The **4.10** race is on BBC2 (s) (579168). **Wales:** (to 3.00) Welsh Questions Live
3.50 Monty (s) (3666052) **3.55 Fievel's American Tails** (r) (s) (1770781) **4.20 Watt on Earth** (r) (s) (7492694) **4.35 Maid Marian and Her Merry Men** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1532859)
5.00 Newsround. (Ceefax) (9003656) **5.10 Activ8**. Series highlighting exciting sports and activities. (Ceefax) (s) (5124694)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (546946)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (965)
6.30 Regional news magazines (217)
7.00 The Good Food Show. Food magazine series. (Ceefax) (s) (3052)



Paul Bradley and Barbara Windsor (7.30pm)

7.30 EastEnders. Nigel and Peggy prepare the Queen Vic football team for the final. (Ceefax) (s) (101)
8.00 Due South. Off-beat comedy drama starring Paul Gross as a squeaky-clean Canadian Mountie stationed in Chicago. (Ceefax) (s) (862014)
8.45 They Who Dare. Extreme sporting activities. Tonight, bungee jumping (r). (Ceefax) (s) (359633)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5255)
9.30 CHOICE **Out of the Blue**. (Ceefax) (s) (363476). **Wales:** Week In Week Out (36236) 10.00 Out of the Blue (925859) 10.50 Film: Heart Condition (96292385) 12.25am-1.50 Film: The Empty Beach (3554279)
10.20 FILM: Heart Condition (1990) starring Bob Hoskins, Denzel Washington and Chloe Webb. A comedy about a dead black lawyer who haunts the racist white policeman who received his heart in a transplant, forcing him to hunt for the lawyer's killers. Directed by James D. Parriott. (Ceefax) (s) (367217). **Northern Ireland:** Greenfingers 10.50 Film: Heart Condition 12.30am-2.05 Film: Alamo Bay
11.55 FILM: The Empty Beach starring Bryan Brown. Australian private detective drama directed by Chris Thompson. (Ceefax) (500694)
1.20am Weather (4227927)

BBC2

6.20 Open University
8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (7857946) **8.15 Westminster On-Line with Sir Bernard Ingham** (s) (2986548)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (1936052) **2.00** Philbert the Frog (12820694) **2.05** Hairy Jeremy (12829965)
2.10 Songs of Praise (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3006236) **2.45 Back to Work**. Series on alleviating back pain. Today, the Alexander Technique (7459897)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster with Nick Ross** (s) (6874491) **3.55 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3663965)
4.00 Racing from Goodwood continued from BBC1. Live coverage of the **4.10** (s) (830)
4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook. Innovative recipes (994)
5.00 Esther. A studio discussion on reincarnation, chaired by Esther Rantzen (s) (1830)
5.30 Catchword. Paul Cola's word game (s) (694)
6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air. Teen comedy (s) (653878)
6.25 Heartbreak High. Drama series about the pupils of an Australian inner-city high school. (Ceefax) (s) (422859) **7.10 The Ren and Stimpy Show**. Animation (s) (854138)
7.30 East: A Sense of Belonging. A look at the new Government proposals making it easier for white couples to adopt Asian and black children. (Ceefax) (s) (743)
8.00 Taking Liberties: The Cancer War Story. The history of the controversial Bristol Cancer Help Centre. (Ceefax) (s) (7014)
8.30 Tracks. Countryside magazine (s) (6149)
9.00 Steptoe and Son (b/w). Classic rag-and-bone men comedy starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H. Corbett (r). (Ceefax) (3897)
9.30 Meat. In the last of the series Derek Cooper investigates the meat of the future. (Ceefax) (r) (391743)



Barbara Cartland's Silver Cloud (10.10pm)

10.10 The Car's the Star. In praise of the Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud. (Ceefax) (s) (493762)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (624878)
11.15 Letterman in London. Chat show hosted by David Letterman. The guests include Joanna Lumley, Jennifer Saunders, Elvis Costello and Pierce Brosnan (s) (218491)
12.00 Modern Art (s) (6167811) **12.25am Computer-Aided Design** (7998705) **1.25 Weather** (4217540)
1.30 The Record. The day in Parliament (s) (77750). Ends at **2.00**

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CHOICE



Detectives pounding the same beat (BBC1, 9.30pm)

Out of the Blue
BBC1, 9.30pm

Television's newest police drama is set in Yorkshire, features a team of detectives and hopes to be the *Z-Cars* of the 1990s. The writers, Peter Bowker and Bill Gallagher, make much of their attempts to inject humour into the show but the jokes tend towards the desperate and overall the tone is decidedly bleak. This is partly the result of sombre, low-key photography, partly the nature of the cases. One concerns a terminally-ill cancer patient, murdered in his hospital bed, the other a particularly distressing rape. As for *Z-Cars*, that was a genuine mould-breaker. On the early evidence *Out of the Blue* competently draws on elements from half a dozen other cop shows without establishing any new ground.

Dangerous Lady
ITV, 9.00pm

Moving from cops to villains, Martina Cole's story is set in 1960s London and features a large family of Irish brothers heavily into protection rackets and violence. The Ryans are not nice to know, despite the efforts of Mum (Sheila Hancock) to get them back on the straight and narrow. Enter sister Maura (Susan Lynch), a feisty 20-year-old and the "dangerous lady" of the title. Although born into the gang culture of her brothers, she threatens to deal with it in her own way. Meanwhile an affair with, of all people, a policeman, proves to be a bad move. Diffusive plotting and too much blood mar the opening episode, though the bigger challenge for the series will be trying to secure audience empathy for such nasty people.

Squawkietalkie
Channel 4, 8.00pm

John Sparkes and Pete Baikie from the comedy show *Absolutely* are the hosts for a wildlife series with, as they say, a difference. The idea is to dig out old bits of film and give the creatures human voices. Thus a group of animals meet at a waterhole and swap jokes. Sample: "Why shouldn't you play cards with a pride of lions?" "In case one of them is a cheetah." More ambitiously, a sequence of seals and penguins at war in the Antarctic is turned into an opera, with the animals breaking into arias and a commentary by Richard Baker. Clever, too, is casting a beetle as a policeman, hurrying to a disturbance caused by an explosion of termites. A little of this may go a long way but so far the idea is fresh enough to be funny.

The Churchills: A Winning Hand
ITV, 10.40pm (Scottish 11.40pm)

The second part of the Churchill saga covers the wilderness years and the Second World War and once more a mainly familiar story is enlivened with anecdote and reminiscence. Offpring of the famous — Eisenhower's son, Roosevelt's grandson, Harriman's daughter — join members of the Churchill family in offering their vignettes, not all of them flattering. But *unlike recent portraits of Sir Winston in print, nobody attempts serious revisionism. He is still the distrusted and erratic maverick in the 1930s, still the saviour of his country in 1940. The film raises one puzzle, which is how a man of the aristocracy who never travelled on a bus in his life could have so accurately represented the mood of ordinary people.* Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (4234410)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (8195236) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1913101)
10.00 Step by Step (r) (s) (45033)
10.30 This Morning presented by Stephen Rhodes and Alison Keenan (61351694) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9489762)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7166120)
12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (7181439) **1.25 Emmerdale** (r). (Teletext) (16882675) **1.55 A Country Practice** (s) (81555061)
2.20 Vanessa: Celibacy. (Teletext) (s) (20947323) **2.50 Dogs with Dunbar**. Ian Dunbar visits dog-lover Jilly Cooper (2390781)
3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (6777615) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1954389)
3.30 Allsorts (r) (s) (5723762) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (s) (4381679) **3.50 Twinkle the Dream Being** (r) (s) (2486043) **4.00 Budgie the Little Helicopter** (r) (s) (7407526) **4.15 The Legends of Treasure Island** (Teletext) (s) (2489830) **4.40 Finders Keepers** (Teletext) (s) (4595878)
5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating (Teletext) (1267507)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (896588)
5.55 Your Shout. Members of the public air their views (366830)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (753)
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (385)
7.00 Emmerdale. At the Woolpack, the women plot revenge (Teletext) (8120)
7.30 Everyday Lives. In the last of the series, there is a report on the fact that in Britain one in four of the population now suffers from some form of allergy. (897)
8.00 The Bill: Looking After Your Own. When June Ackland is attacked, her colleagues are determined to catch her assailant. (Teletext) (4188)
8.30 NEW **The Cook Report**. Roger Cook and his team of investigators return to right more wrongs (3675)



Susan Lynch and Sheila Hancock (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Dangerous Lady** (Teletext) (s) (7743)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (93033)
10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (363385)
10.40 CHOICE **The Churchills: A Winning Hand**. (Teletext) (s) (374236)
11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (665385)
12.40am FILM: Passion Flower (1986) starring Bruce Boxleitner and Barbara Hershey. A man is persuaded by his lover to kill her powerful father. Directed by Joseph Sargent (352989)
2.25 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (s) (5766811)
2.50 The Beat with Gary Crowley (s) (8107231)
3.45 America's Top Ten (s) (62811)
4.15 On the Live Side (s) (16294328)
4.30 Videofashion (75434)
5.00 Vanessa (r). (Teletext) (s) (57540)
5.30 ITN Morning News (Teletext) and weather (41724)

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Spiff and Hercules (7002255)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (69101)
9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (24110)
9.30 Schools: Eureka! (4341033) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (4346588) **10.00** Equinox (3945694) **10.53** Schools at Work (7910830) **11.00** Irish Scientists and Inventors (2422087) **11.22** Stage One (9556007) **11.40** Breaking the Mould (3035656)
12.00 House to House. Political magazine presented by Maya Even (90946)
12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is Rosie O'Donnell (r) (74385) **1.30 Dr Snuggles** (r) (11505728)
1.55 Ski Without Limits. A wordless film about the art of skiing (77050651)
2.15 FILM: The Long Arm (1956, b/w) starring Jack Hawkins. A documentary-style drama about a Scotland Yard detective on the trail of a murderous safe-breaker. Directed by Charles Frend. (Teletext) (590526)
4.00 Jimmy's. More real-life dramas from St James's Hospital, Leeds (r). (Teletext) (526)
4.30 Fifteen-To-One. Fast-moving, knockout general knowledge quiz. (Teletext) (s) (410)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are men and women who have been left high and dry by their partners. They are offered advice by Dr John Gray, author of *Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus*. (Teletext) (s) (8587439)
5.50 Terrytoons. Classic cartoons (389781)
6.00 Babylon 5. American science-fiction adventure series. (Teletext) (s) (451236)
6.50 Terrytoons (225304)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (396255)
7.55 The Slot. Viewers' video soapbox (452781)



Pete Baikie and John Sparkes (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **Squawkietalkie**. (Teletext) (s) (5410)
8.30 Brookside. Soap set in a suburban Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s) (1217)
9.00 The Complete Story Of Tina Turner. The first of two films showing the life and career of the singing star (r). (Teletext) (5385)
10.00 The Politician's Wife. Episode two of the three-part drama about the vengeful wife (Juliet Stevenson) of a philandering politician (Trevor Eve). (Teletext) (s). (Teletext) (s) (1241830)
11.15 Errol Morrison's Interrtron Stories: The Stalker. The second of three drama documentaries recreating bizarre tales of murder. Tonight, a postman with a grudge after being fired goes on a killing spree (s) (747269)
11.40 The Colour Of Britain. British-Asian artists offer their views on what it means to be British (696255)
12.40am Naked Sport: Welcome to the Sewer. A series on the reality of the business of sport in America. Tonight — boxing (r) (3835231)
1.40 FILM: I Am the Law (1938, b/w) starring Edward G. Robinson. Crime thriller about a law professor who is appointed a special prosecutor in order to rid a city of racketeers. Directed by Alexander Hall (1841347). Ends at **3.10**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (1913101) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News (9489762) **12.55** Emmerdale (7181439) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (16882675) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (2390781) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (7127156) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1267507) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (781014) **7.30-8.00** Anglia at War (897) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (363385) **12.35am** The Aviator (744647) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (2000057) **3.15** The Beat (9673569) **4.10** The New Music (9984906)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (1913101) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (9489762) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (2390781) **3.25-3.30** Central News (7127156) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1267507) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (781014) **7.30-8.00** Millionaires (897) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (363385) **11.40** Blue Heelers (665385) **4.15am** Jobfinder (8699388) **5.20** Asian Eye (8799057)

GRANADA
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Granada News (1913101) **12.20pm-12.30** Granada News (9489762) **12.55-1.25** Shortland Street (7181439) **1.25** Home and Away (51304762) **1.50** Vanessa (37705566) **2.20** Granada Action (20947323) **2.50-3.20** Emmerdale (2390781) **3.25-3.30** Granada News (7127156) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1267507) **6.25-7.00** Granada Tonight (781014) **7.30-8.00** Surprise Gardeners (897) **10.30-10.40** Granada News (363385) **11.40-12.40** Crime Story (665385)

HTV WEST
As London except: 9.55-10.00 HTV West Headlines (1913101) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West News and Weather (9489762) **12.55** Emmerdale (7181439) **1.25** Home and Away (16882675) **1.55** Vanessa (38155007) **2.25** Wish You Were Here..? (20946694) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (6082526) **3.25-3.30** HTV West Headlines (7127156) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1267507) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (365) **7.30-8.00** West Eye View (897) **10.30-10.40** HTV West News and Weather (363385) **4.15am** Jobfinder (7712989)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 9.55-10.00 HTV Wales News (1913101) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (9489762) **3.25-3.30** HTV Wales News (7127156) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (385) **7.30-8.00** The Really Helpful Programme (897)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (1913101) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (9489762) **12.55** Emmerdale (7181439) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (16882675) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (2390781) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (7127156) **5.10** Home and Away (1267507) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Making It Happen (386694) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (753) **6.30-7.00** Good for You (385) **7.30-8.00** Serve You Right (897) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (363385) **12.35am** The Aviator (744647) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (2000057) **3.15** The Beat (9673569) **4.10** The New Music (9984906) **5.00** Freescreen (57540)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (1913101) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (9489410) **12.25-12.30** My Story (9497781) **12.55** Emmerdale (7181439) **1.25** Home and Away (16882675) **1.55** Vanessa (38155007) **2.25** The Young Doctors (20946694) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; Weather (7127156) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1267507) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (26859) **7.30-8.00** Roadrunner (897) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry News; Weather (363385) **4.15am** Jobfinder (7712989)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (1913101) **12.55** Emmerdale (7181439) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (16882675) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (2390781) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1267507) **5.55** Calendar (985007) **6.30-7.00** Crosswits (385) **7.30-8.00** Animal Country (897) **11.40** The Aviator (315149) **1.25am** The Little Picture Show (2984322) **2.25** Sport AM (7138873) **3.25** The Beat (9657521) **4.20** Jobfinder (8670231)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (69101) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (24110) **9.30** Ysgolion (468226) **12.00pm** House To House (90946) **12.30** Mr Men (32410) **1.00** Slot Meithrin (79588) **1.30** Hangin' With Mr Cooper (31781) **2.00** The Late Late Show (44304) **3.00** Jimmy's (4781) **3.30** The Oprah Winfrey Show (7913946) **4.20** King Tut's Tomb (9172410) **4.30** Saved By The Bell: The New Class (410) **5.00** 5 Pump Uned 5 (6526) **5.30** Fifteen To One (757897) **6.15** Heno (411743) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (6762) **7.30** Shoiolau (439) **8.00** John Tydu Aderyn B nth (5410) **8.30** Newyddion (1217) **9.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet (5385) **10.00** Brookside (91675) **10.30** The Best Of The Tube (74633) **11.00** Abba: The Movie (706217)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat Show (28675) **8.00** Power Rangers (57255) **8.30** Blockbusters (56526) **9.00** Oprah Winfrey (64217) **10.00** Concentration (69491) **10.30** Card Sharks (36762) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (11588) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (27014) **12.30pm** Designing Women (50830) **1.00** The Waltons (55385) **2.00** Matlock (80120) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey (4470897) **3.50** DJ Kat Show (1841615) **4.30** Power Rangers (9120) **5.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (8149) **6.00** Spellbound (7385) **6.30** Family Ties (1965) **7.00** Rescue (9878) **7.30** M*A*S*H (7149) **8.00** The X-Files (25168) **9.00** Models Inc (42584) **10.00** Quantum Leap (92061) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (869878) **11.50** LA Law (467830) **12.45am** The Untouchables (7029569) **1.30** In Living Color (73521) **2.00-6.00** Hit Mix Long Play (4716076)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (2045656) **9.30** Fashion TV (47168) **10.30** ABC Nightline (34304) **11.00** News (994236) **1.30pm** CBS News (90679) **2.30** Parliament Live (37675) **4.00** News (83694) **5.00** Live at Five (8115149) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (620439) **8.00** News (6168) **8.30** The O.J. Simpson Trial (5675) **12.30am** CBS News (6778969) **1.10** Richard Littlejohn Replay (8073095) **2.30** Parliament Replay (45057) **4.30** CBS News (73328) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (67786)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (4096138) **10.00 Spotswood** (1991) (61946) **12.00 A Whale for the Killing — Part One** (1981) (94323) **2.00pm We Joined the Navy** (1962) (99743) **4.00 A Wedding on Walton's Mountain** (1982) (13506656) **5.50 Spotswood** (1991): As 10am (21431149) **7.30 Close-Up: Mario Van Peebles on Posse** (2217) **8.00 Alive** (1993) (73928410) **10.10 Doppelganger** (1992) (646236) **11.55 The Crush** (1993) (147014) **1.25am Nightmare City** (1987) (1494521) **2.55 Some Kind of Hero** (1981) (428163) **4.30-6.00 A Wedding on Walton's Mountain** (1982): As 4pm (94811)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
2.00pm Showcase (97323) **4.00 The Barefoot Contessa** (1954) (39671255) **6.10 Lifeboat** (1944) (28304217) **8.00 Rebel Without a Cause** (1955) (86304) **10.00 Christine** (1983) (841694) **11.50-2.00am Ran** (1985) (90087025)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Hanging Tree (1957) (11385) **8.00 Hans and the Silver Skates** (1994) (12491) **9.00 Kidnapped** (80255) **10.00 Sons of the Musketeers** (1952) (14797304) **11.50 A League of Their Own** (1992) (31727830) **2.00pm Tarzan Escapes** (1936) (97385) **4.00 Hans and the Silver Skates** (1994): As 8am (78762) **5.00 Kidnapped**: As 9am (1859) **6.00 A League of Their Own** (1992): As 11.50am (15590101) **8.10 Cagney and Lacey: Together Again** (1994) (55471526) **10.00 Running Cool** (1993) (650304) **11.50 Night Hunt** (1992) (297304) **1.25am Tales of Erotica** (1991) (203291) **3.10-5.00 Hornet's Nest** (1970) (770168)

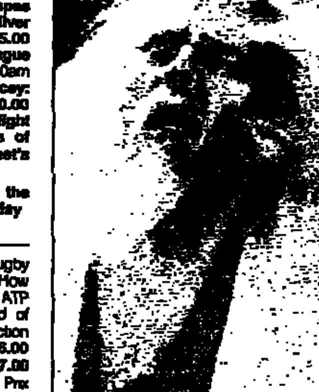
● **For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am WWF Mania (64878) **8.00** Rugby League Academy — Final (65507) **9.00** How the FA Cup Was Won (40526) **11.00** ATP Tennis, Live (1864491) **4.00pm** World of Speed and Beauty (6052) **4.30** NBA Action (2236) **5.00** WWF Superstars (4965) **6.00** Cricket: Texaco Preview (86830) **7.00** Speedway World Championship Grand Prix from Poland (49365) **9.00** Golf Anderson Consulting Championship (26323) **10.30** ATP Tennis (24946) **11.30** Cricket (31920) **12.30-2.30am** Speedway World Championship Grand Prix from Poland (48906)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Eurogolf Magazine (36946) **8.30** Gymnastics (45255) **10.00** Diving (62236) **11.00** Football (41410) **12.30pm** Speedworld (82531) **2.30** Tennis (68491) **4.30** Olympic Magazine (7304) **5.00** Football (50154101) **6.45** News (249859) **7.00** Motors (67781) **9.00** Boxing (69526) **10.00** Snooker (60694) **12.00-12.30am** News (13969)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (1796946) **8.30** Peyton Place (1795217) **9.00** As the World Turns (8393101) **10.00** Guiding Light (8262120) **11.00-12.00** Another World (8270149)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Globetrotter (1799033) **12.30pm** Boomerang (4920781) **1.00** Trailside (8253472) **1.30** Pierre Franey (4828052) **2.00** Getaway (7407472) **2.30** Travels in Europe (9584743) **3.00** American Vacation (1442304) **4.00** Sky Travel Guide (9508323) **4.30** Boomerang (9504507) **5.00** Colorado River Adventures (7421052) **5.30** Pierre Franey (8595859) **6.00** Travels in Europe (9585472) **6.30** Discover America (5069101) **7.30** Getaway (9505236) **8.00** Around the World in 30 Minutes (7427236) **8.30** Sky Travel Guide (7406743) **9.00** Globetrotter (1450323) **9.30** Discover America (3038472) **10.30** Colorado River Adventures (1709410) **11.00** American Trail (1462168) **11.30-12.00** Cruising the Globe (8875946)



Tatsuya Nakadai stars in *Ran* (Sky Movies Gold, 11.50pm)

TLC
9.00am Martha Stewart Living (7485385) **9.30** Cooking with Kurma (7775830) **10.00** Secret Gardens (6840762) **10.30** Jimmy's (7494897) **11.00** Only Human (6963728) **12.00** Post Natal Depression (7485149) **12.30pm** House Style (7786946) **1.00** Cooking with Kurma (6668976) **1.30** Martha Stewart Living (7785217) **2.00** Baby Talk (6641491) **3.00** Flowering Passions (8108878) **3.30-4.00** Motorvation (5940656)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Chronicles of Narnia (3418453) **7.30** Neighbours (8926698) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7477120) **8.30** EastEnders (7478491) **9.00** The Bill (7467743) **9.30** Sutherland's Law (9443588) **10.30** Angels (85100304) **11.35** Going for Gold (12398859) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7487507) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7788304) **1.00** EastEnders (4868994) **1.30** The Bill (7787675) **2.00** After Henry (8181101) **2.30** Foreign Bodies (5970897) **3.00** Knots Landing (3976120) **4.00** Dallas (3995256) **5.00** Every Second Counts (5673120) **5.35** Dick Emery (6785656) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (1101014) **6.30** EastEnders (5962878) **7.00** Keep It in the Family (8192217) **7.30** Bread (5951762) **8.00** After Henry (8101965) **8.30** Sweeney Special — Regan (7595255) **10.00** The Bill (7488236) **10.30** Top of the Pops (9255472) **11.10** Rory Bremner (6351675) **11.50** Dr Who (9431014) **12.20am** FILM: The Long Duel (35183231) **2.25** Shopping (3218142)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Sesame Street (44930) **7.00** Sonic the Hedgehog (87120) **7.30** Creepy Crawlers (30205) **8.00** Degrassi Junior High (39584) **8.30** Super Mario Brothers (3714656) **8.45** Casper (3742439) **9.00** Sesame Street (37101) **10.00** Tiny TCC (30675) **12.00** Madeline (89061) **12.30pm** Tiny TCC (58323) **2.30** Barney (9168) **3.00** Dinobabies (4743) **3.30** Sonic the Hedgehog (1385) **4.00** California Dreams (3120) **4.30-5.00** Degrassi Junior High (9304)

NICKELODEON
7.00am NickAlive Including Deep Sea Dick (3416410) **7.15** Where on Earth is Carmen Sandiego? (709217) **7.45** Rugrats (706588) **8.15** Grimmy (808052) **8.45** NickAlive (5851728) **9.00** Nick Jr (570830) **12.00** Carmen Sandiego (76965) **12.30pm** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (61651) **1.00** Smoggies (59762) **1.30** Grimmy (11192) **2.00** Denver (2120) **2.30** Galaxy High School (8894) **3.00** Dungeons and Dragons (1255) **3.30** Alex Mack (2859) **4.00** Grimmy (4694) **4.30** Rugrats (9138) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (3472) **5.30** NickAlive Including Ren and Stimpy (4830) **6.00** Doug (1743) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (5323)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm The Himalayas (5952491) **4.30** Wild South (5958675) **5.00** Wings of the Luftwaffe (8182830) **6.00** Invention (8680007) **6.35** Beyond 2000 (3740255) **7.30** Wildfilm (5959304) **8.00** Wildside (2122897) **9.00** Man on the Rim (2102033) **10.00** Disappearing World (2105120) **11.00-12.00** Out of the Past (8913043)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Piccadilly Incident (1946) (6657052) **2.00pm** thirtysomething (6845217) **3.00** The Adventures of Robin Hood (8195304) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (5960410) **4.00** FILM. My Friend Flicka (1943): Roddy McDowall develops an allergy to his horse (17031491) **5.45** Torchy the Battery Boy (6884526) **6.00** Get Smart (5966694) **6.30** Police Woman (1860859) **7.30** The Adventures of Robin Hood (5946830) **8.00** thirtysomething (2119323) **9.00** Twin Peaks (2106859) **10.00** FILM. The Class of Miss MacMichael (1978): Glenda Jackson as a crusading teacher With Oliver Reed (8098439) **11.45-12.00** Muffin the Mule (7347897)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (4494694) **7.00** Living Magazine (7079830) **9.00** Mr Smith's Indoor Garden (4479694) **9.30** Kate and Allie (5821946) **10.05** Mr Smith's Favourite Garden (2754743) **10.35** The Susan Powter Show (70553410) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (5587304) **11.55** The Simple Programme (89960385) **12.00** Kilroy (6829255) **12.55pm** The Fish Course (1272385) **1.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (2751830) **2.00** Agony Hour (7677588) **3.00** Living Magazine (5001120) **4.00** Infatuation (2158304) **4.30** Crosswits (8534679) **5.05** The Joker's Wild (75175830) **5.30** Spain on a Plate (7994656) **6.05** The Susan Powter Show (3655507) **6.30** Brookside (8843323) **7.05** Crosswits (3427651) **7.35** The Joker's Wild (6087588) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (6546217) **8.55** The Simple Programme **9.00** FILM: Child's Cry (1986): Social worker Lindsay Wagner helps a six-year-old (87396439) **10.50** Sneak Scenes (4094897) **11.00** Brookside (9098656) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (7665743)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Tintin (6588) **5.30** Black Beauty (1976) **6.00** My Two Dads (6287) **6.30** Catchphrase (1149) **7.00** Busman's Holiday (9052) **7.30** Me and the Boys (6043) **8.00** Stay Lucky (81762) **9.00** Sirens (91366) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (38520) **10.30** Tintin (22168) **11.00** Lou Grant (80728) **12.00** Zorro (57347) **12.30am** Me and the Boys (28076) **1.00** Trivial Pursuit (18144) **1.30** Rhoda (51347) **2.00** Sirens (85076) **3.00** Lou Grant (47453) **4.00** Rhoda (98415) **4.30-5.00** Zorro (39687)

MTV
5.00am Awake on the Wildside (97095) **6.30** The Grind (78526) **7.00** 3 from 1 (4298965) **7.15** Awake on the Wildside (5395781) **8.00** VJ Ingo (440965) **10.30** The Pulse (23897) **11.00** Soul (84033) **12.00** Greatest Hits (35120) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (51168) **2.00** 3 from 1 (52726014) **2.15** The Afternoon Mix (4341878) **3.00** Cinematic (5842472) **3.15** The Afternoon Mix (5038748) **4.00** MTV News (6883965) **4.15** The Afternoon Mix (6873588) **4.30** Dial MTV (1762) **5.00** The Worst of Most Wanted (8946) **5.30** Music Non-Stop (42491) **6.30** MTV Sports (3507) **7.00** Greatest Hits (74472) **8.00** Most Wanted (27236) **9.30** Beavis and Butthead (43149) **10.00** MTV News (474762) **10.15** Cinematic (479217) **10.30** Real World (24526) **11.00** The End? (81255) **12.30am** The Grind (21434) **1.00** Soul (67057) **2.00** Videos (8339328)

VH-1
7.00am Power Breakfast (8252743) **9.00** Café VH-1 (7255323) **12.00** The Bridge (4916946) **1.00pm** Ten of the Best (4927694) **2.00** Heart and Soul (6889149) **3.00** Into the Music (6253120) **6.00** VH-1-2-3 (4453149) **6.15** Prime Cuts (8225304) **7.00** VH-1 for You (8071217) **8.00** VH-1 Rock (8080965) **9.00** Ten of the Best (8060101) **10.00** The Bridge (8070588) **11.00** The Nightfly (9454323) **1.00am** Ten of the Best (6440434) **2.00-7.00** Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE
Country music from 6am to 7pm, including **5.00pm** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6.00-7.00** Big Ticket

ZEE TV
7.00am Asian Morning (78907385) **9.00** Alif Laila (49009101) **9.30** Sona Chandi (49008472) **9.00** Hindi FILM: Anand (87945410) **12.00** Campus (49019588) **12.30pm** Manasi (76171946) **1.00** Hindi FILM: Aandhiyan (48978965) **4.00** Chunauti (64815946) **4.30** Hindi Sitcom: Nukkad (64804830) **5.00** Kab Kyon Kahan (91690385) **5.30** Sona Chandi (64826410) **6.00** Tamil Veda Vaku (64825323) **6.30** Campus (64816675) **7.00** Video Junction (91610149) **7.30** Yeh Hai Bombay Meri Jaan (64812659) **8.00** News; Zee and U (91629897) **8.30** Antakshri (91608304) **9.00** Parampara (71846120) **9.30** Aap Ki Adalat (78184410) **10.00** Shakti (49010217) **10.30** Khaleyan (48029965) **11.00** Kachwa Aur Khargosh (71658965) **11.30-12.00** Krishna (88405675)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm The Unguarded Hour (1936) (95589588) **9.00 Clash by Night** (1952) (20555491) **11.00 The Woman in White** (1948) (89579014) **12.55am The Maltese Bippy** (1969) (73610786) **2.30-4.30 The Woman In White** (1948): As 11pm (42528328)

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Richards rested from powerful XV for match with Argentina

Morris makes opening bow



Morris, with Carling at training yesterday, is in the mood to celebrate after being picked over Bracken for England's first World Cup game

FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN DURBAN

DEWI MORRIS, a depressed man during the 1991 Rugby World Cup, began his final month of first-class rugby in elated mood here yesterday. The Orrell scrum half, who sat among the replacements for all six matches that England played during the last tournament, will start the 1995 World Cup against Argentina at King's Park on Saturday.

Morris replaces Kyran Bracken in the only unforced change from the XV which beat Scotland two months ago to win the five nations' championship and grand slam. He will be joined in the side by Steve Ojomoh, who replaced Dean Richards during the game with Scotland and now does so again because the England management does not wish to risk Richards's tender hamstring.

Other than at No 8, this must rate as England's strongest combination, no concession being made to opponents who are expected to prove particularly awkward at forward. Morris's inclusion is deserved both on general application and match fitness: Bracken, who played throughout the five nations, has not appeared in a match since March 18 because of a strained Achilles tendon, though the management professes no worries about his eventual participation.

Morris, 31, is to retire when the tournament ends and, in the hope of a final blaze of glory, has been on unpaid leave from his work as a promotional executive for a leisurewear firm since the turn of the year. He played his twentieth international against Romania in November but, since then, has been confined to seven minutes of international rugby as a temporary replacement during the Calcutta Cup match.

"To play in the World Cup is something I have wanted ever since I started international rugby," he said. That was in 1988, only a few months after he had left junior rugby with Winnington Park, but, in 1991, as a World Cup squad member, he had to watch Richard Hill play throughout the tournament. "It made me more determined than ever and I know that if I don't perform, back I'll go to the bench."

Morris has devoted himself to training according to a programme laid down by Andy Clarke, Orrell's conditioning coach. He has also prepared alongside Clarke's brother, Phil, the rugby league international, at Wigan's Central Park ground.

"I went through their routines and I feel fitter and stronger," Morris said, "but rugby is so demanding now that it feels as though we are holding down two jobs, it's ridiculous. I didn't want the day-to-day hassle of work to distract me. I've been dreaming about my last match being the World Cup final at Ellis Park on June 24."

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DURBAN TEAMS

ARGENTINA: E Jurado (Jockey, Rosario); D Cuesta Silva (San Isidro), F Garcia (Alumni), S Salvat (Alumni, captain), M Teran (Tucuman), L Arbizu (Belgrano AC), R Crexell (Jockey, Rosario); M Corral (San Isidro), F Mendez (Mendoza), P Noriega (Hindu), R Martin (San Isidro), P Sporleder (La Plata), G Llanes (Curupayti), C Viel (Newman), J Santamarina (Tucuman).

ENGLAND: M J Catt (Bath), T Underwood (Leicester), W D C Carling (Harlequins, captain), J C Guscott (Bath), R Underwood (Leicester/RAF), C R Andrew (Wasps), C D Morris (Orrell); J Leonard (Harlequins), B C Moore (Harlequins), V E Ubogu (Bath), T A K Rodber (Northampton/Army), M O Johnson (Leicester), M C Bayfield (Northampton), B B Clarke (Bath), S O Ojomoh (Bath). Replacements: J E B Callard (Bath), P R de Glanville (Bath), K P P Bracken (Bristol), N A Back (Leicester), G C Rowntree (Leicester), R G R Dawe (Bath).

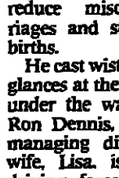
Jack Rowell, the England manager, admits that Morris was unfortunate to lose his place after the match against Romania, but now the wheel has turned. "If things go according to plan, the best England team will play in the quarter-finals," Rowell said. By inference, that includes Richards, who worked with Kevin Murphy, the physiotherapist, for most of two training runs yesterday.

England had the option of playing Ojomoh at open-side flanker and moving Ben Clarke to No 8, but chose to leave Clarke in the position where, in the optimum side, he will be used. Not that Ojomoh, who will win his seventh cap, is displeased. "I'm particularly happy because I've been picked in my favourite position," he said. "I have some very big boots to fill, but I never shirk a challenge."

Argentina will field the same pack which did so well in the 30-13 defeat against Australia in Sydney just over a fortnight ago. Their changes are at full back, where Ezequiel Jurado moves from the wing to replace the injured Meson, thus allowing for the return of the experienced Diego Cuesta Silva, and at standoff half, where the quicksilver Lisandru Arbizu plays.

The last England team to meet Argentina, in November 1990, won 51-0. Another half-century, though it would be welcome, is not expected.

Mansell stays tight-lipped about future



Oliver Holt asks whether the Briton has already reached the end of the road with McLaren

A thin man looking at his last meal or a fat man looking at a blade of steel: all sorts of riddles surrounded Nigel Mansell yesterday as he stood between a Williams-Renault, the symbol of his glorious past, and a McLaren-Mercedes, the embodiment of his uncertain future, in a quiet street in central London. The Monaco Grand Prix, the showpiece of the Formula One motor racing season, is only five days away, but doubts still linger over whether he will be driving in it.

Drowning in a sea of photographers and female television personalities, Mansell sat obligingly on the McLaren that has caused him so many problems, to launch the RAC Racy Ladies initiative in aid of Tommy's, the charity funding research to reduce miscarriages and stillbirths.

He cast wistful glances at the Williams but, under the watchful eye of Ron Dennis, the McLaren managing director, whose wife, Lisa, is one of the driving forces behind the Racy Ladies idea, he stayed dutifully by his post.

Formula One is already awash with rumours that Dennis made an unscheduled visit to see Mansell at his new home in Devon at the weekend to discuss his performance in the Spanish Grand Prix ten days ago and with stories of crisis meetings between McLaren and Marlboro, their sponsors.

The 1992 world champion chose to retire early in Barcelona rather than persevere with an ill-handling car, and there is intense speculation that Dennis has already asked him to stand down for Monaco. Many expect an announcement either today or later in the week to that effect.

They appeared amicable yesterday, but both steadfastly refused to confirm that Mansell would partner Mika Hakkinen in Monte Carlo. "I am not even going to start a dialogue," Dennis said. Asked if he was looking forward to the race, Mansell said: "I am looking forward to the future — whatever it may hold."

Mansell has not been able to test the car and improve it since the Spanish race. Logic would suggest that he would face the same crippling handling difficulties in Monaco, where the understeer problem that caused him particular anxiety would be even more critical and dangerous. Mark Blundell is favourite to take over should Mansell not take part.

Other sources say that Dennis is determined to persevere with Mansell and that he will continue at least until the British Grand Prix at Silverstone in July.

> 'I cannot answer whether I will be in Monaco'

In the few comments Mansell made, he gave little away: "What I have found since I came back to Formula One is how things have changed. Some is for the better, but a lot for the worse. The thing that suffers most is the sport.

"I cannot answer whether I will be in Monaco, but it is a shame that those questions have to be asked. You cannot take away the effort I have put in with the McLaren car this year. The car is not right, but that has got nothing to do with me.

"It was optimistic to think we could get a result in Mercedes' first year of involvement with McLaren. It might not be this year, but McLaren and Mercedes will be the team to beat in the future. At the moment, the car is not as competitive as the Benetton or Williams — or even Ferrari."

Karl Wendlinger, the Austrian driver who fell into a coma after crashing at Monaco last year but made an astonishing return to racing, is set to be dropped by Sauber for Monte Carlo.

Price formula creates ticket surplus

FROM DAVID HANDS

ONLY a month ago, there was a premium on flights, accommodation and tickets for rugby union's World Cup, which begins on Thursday. Yesterday, however, officials here in Durban were able to assure any irresolute soul in England that, if they wished to watch England's pool games against Argentina, Italy and Western Samoa over the next fortnight, the opportunity to do so could be guaranteed.

The *Johannesburg Star* captured the situation in a cartoon which depicted a World Cup official offering a box full of match tickets to a sceptical South African supporter: "Those cheapskate foreigners won't buy these lovely tickets so you get first option," the official says.

That, of course, is what the local rugby enthusiasts have not had and, with ticket prices set at 66 rand (around £12) for pool matches and 165 rand for the quarter and semi-final matches, to be held at the refurbished King's Park Stadium, they are not eager to take up the slack.

And substantial slack there is. Rugby World Cup set the prices last year against advice from local officials and opted for packages which involved purchasers buying tickets for a series of matches. Officials, not knowing how many packages have been taken up, choose not to guess at the attendance when England play Argentina on Saturday, but, in a stadium which will hold 50,000, only half the capacity may be taken.

A fortnight ago, 400,000 tickets were returned from overseas and were dispatched to the larger provincial centres. The Natal Rugby Union received 13,000 tickets for England v Argentina, of which it has sold 3,000; it received 20,000 for England v Western Samoa on June 4, for which the price is 110 rand, and 5,000 of those have been sold; 24,000 were returned for the quarter-final on June 10, of which 6,000 have been sold, and 15,000 for the semi-final on June 17, of which 7,000 have gone.

"I hope there will be an upswing and people come at the last minute," Pete Smith, the Natal secretary, said. "But last year, when England were here, we pitched the tickets at 40 rand and couldn't fill the stadium." Prices may not appear high in England, where seats at Twickenham can cost £34, but in South Africa supporters pay just twenty rand for Currie Cup matches.

Canadian cleared to serve Britain

BY STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

GREG RUSEDSKI has found it easier to appease the International Tennis Federation (ITF) than his new colleagues. As soon as he had been given permission officially to change allegiance, from Canada to Great Britain, rumblings of deep discontent were heard.

They were voiced by Chris Wilkinson, the nation's No 1 two years ago. Far from greeting the arrival of a potentially world-class player to bolster a Davis Cup team heading towards the third world of tennis, he intimated that he would never again compete for Britain.

He already felt alienated when, the highest ranked member of the squad, he was left out of the team which lost 5-0 on Slovakian clay last month. Yesterday, he openly expressed his disapproval. "Like other leading British players, I have worked my butt off to represent my country and make a living from the game," Wilkinson said. "Although we may not be world-beaters, there is still a lot of pride in being the best in the country where you have been born.

"Coming on the back of playing a South African [Neil Broad] in the Davis Cup team, I feel there has been a cruel disregard for players like myself who have played for Britain at all levels. We will have a large chunk of our ambition and income taken away by mercenaries from overseas."



Rusedski: Purley base

His comments, and those of Mark Petchey, another to have been overlooked, will be regarded in some quarters with sympathy and, in others, as the reactions of the petulant.

David Lloyd's job, as the new Davis Cup captain, is to pick the strongest team for the relegation play-off against Monaco at Eastbourne in July. Rightly, he insists that Rusedski, 21, though ranked 47th in the world and instantly the new British No 1, will not necessarily be selected.

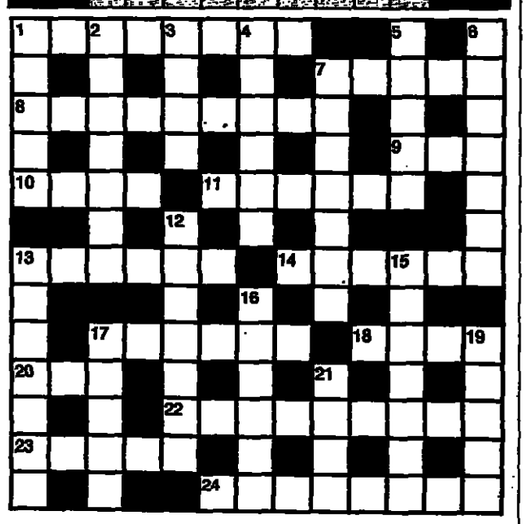
Rusedski, 6ft 3in, born in Montreal to a British mother, has exciting promise, but can he cope with the additional strain of Davis Cup competition? Petchey, beaten in his past eight singles rubbers, evidently cannot. Hence his omission.

Can Rusedski, an individual capable of winning one ATP tournament and reaching the final of another within the last month, fit into a team? Wilkinson, by his own admission, is happier working on his own. Hence, perhaps, the decision, taken by Billy Knight, to drop him.

Rusedski's left-handed service, at 137mph the fastest recorded, is a formidable weapon, especially on grass, but he has won only one match at Wimbledon in two years. It would be premature, therefore, to hail him as the figurehead much needed in the domestic game.

Had it not been for Lucy Connors, his girlfriend, Rusedski, who owns a British passport, might not have passed the strict qualifications set by the ITF. Approval of his application was delayed while confirmation was sought that he had indeed resided in England for the majority of the past three years when not competing. He has spent three-quarters of his limited free time in Purley, where she lives.

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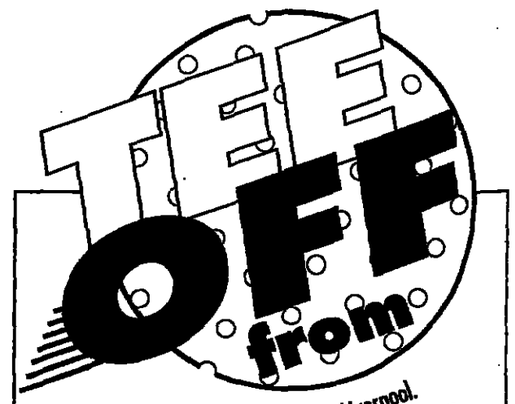
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